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Naked act Pub strippers find the back door into Equity

Northern touch Report of the Wallabies' match against the North of England

The Times Portfolio competition prize was shared by two vinners yesterday. Miss Maria Vaz-Pinto of London and Mr Christopher White of Forest Row. Sussex each received £1,000. Portfolio list, page 18; how to play, information service, back page.

Ex-chairman of BBC dies at 64



Lord Howard of Henderskelfe who as George Howard, was chairman of the BBC from 1980 to 1983, died yesterday, aged 64. He had been ill for some time. Mr Stuart Young, his successor at the BBC yesterday paid tribute to him, saying that he was interested in every detail of broadcasting

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Ford talks fail

Talks aimed at settling the 13day strike by 270 Ford women machinists broke down last night. The strike has led to the loss of 14,300 vehicles at a total showroom value of £85m.



Trial in public

Poland is to try in public the four Interior Ministry officers accused in connection, with the killing of Father Jerzy Popieluszko. Western correspondents will be allowed to attend

Right-wing win

Sir William Clark, chairman of the Tory finance committee throughout Mrs Thatcher's Prime Ministership, was re-clected last night. Page 2

Secrets Act

Lord Scarman called last night in the annual Granada lecture for the Official Secrets Act to be repealed and replaced by a statute to protect what ought to be secret while ensuring a right of public access to other information

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US officials propose 35% top tax rate

From Bailey Morris, Washington

long-awaited plan to overhaul helps individual taxpayers at and simplify the US tax system the expense of corporations.

was unveiled yesterday and "This is a radical plan. It will

working for more than a year on the proposal which calls for cuts in Amercia's top income tax rate to 35 per cent, while eliminating a maze of deductions and special interest tax

The tax package is not intended to increase total revenue, because the President is committed by a pre-election

Leading article

pledge not to raise taxes. The President's "core group" of nine top budget advisers is still strugging over a massive pro-gramme of social spending cuts to reduce the \$210 billion

A cuts programme is to be presented to the President today but administration officials have been unable to agree during weeks of closed-door

Before he left Washington last week for the Thanksgiving Day holiday, Mr Reagan stepped into the fray and delivered a new set of orders: domestic spending was to be cut even more sharply but tax increases and cuts in social security and defence spending were "off-limits".

President Reagan has made tax reforms a centrepiece of his campaign to "get government off the backs of the people" but the plan produced by the the plan produced by the Treasury was criticized by White House officials even before it was formally unveiled

The Reagan Administration's vesterday. Generally, the plan

and simplify the US tax system was unveiled yesterday and immediately ran into strong opposition from business constinuencies. It is not well groups which criticized it as designed to get a package out of unfair and detrimental to future growth.

Treasury officials have been supported strongly by Mr. Treasury the US Treasury. Donald Regan, the US Treasury

The plan proposed by the Treasury stops short of an across-the-board flat tax supported by conservative groups allowances accumulated over and calls instead for a modified flat tax which consolidates the present 15 individual tax brackets into three brackets of 15 per cents, 25 per cent and 35. per cent. The current top rate is

In addition, the personal tax exemption and exemptions for dependants would nearly double to \$2,000 overall Treasury officials said the plan is designed to reduce average tax payments/by 8.5 per cent.

But corporations, despite a reduction in the overall tax rate to 33 per cent from 46 per cent. would experience a higher rate of tax due to the elimination of special deductions and "tax

The two largest corportate tax breaks - the 10 per cent investment tax credit to offset the cost of plant and equip-ment, and the accelerated depreciation writeoffs on these investments which President Reagan enacted in 1981 - would be eliminated and curtailed,

Together, these two programmes cost the government an estimated \$50 billion a year in lost revenues. The new goal of the coregroup

an estimated 100 billion by 1988 but this could sally be Continued on his charge; col 3

Frontier to reopen in Gibraltar

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The 15-year siege of Gibraltar had guaranteed to respect the is to end early hext year. Before wishes and interests of the February 15 the frontier is to be opened in return for an Brussels that Britain was pre-

years ago. The agreement was described Spanish Foreign Minister, as the biggest diplomatic success for Spain over the Rock since 1713". That was when Gibraltar legally became British under the

treaty of Utrecht. But Senor Moran said he did not want to sound too tri-timphant, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, insisted in the final agreement that "the British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar".

Sir Geoffrey said negotiations

between Britain and Spain would cover a range of subjects, from economic and tourist to aviation and military matters. Spain had asserted its claim to sovereignty, but meant to-pursue it by peaceful means. It



Sir Joshua: In close touch on negotiations.

A heliport only 400 yards from Westminster Abbey and

the Houses of Parliament is

being proposed by the helicop-ter industry as a replacement for central London's existing

public heliport at Trig Lane near Cannon Street, due to close by 1986.

It would be on the north bank of the Thames outside the

Ministry of Defence between

Horse guards Avenue and

Richmond Terrace, and would

handle several thousand civil

and military movements a year.

replacement for Trig Lane,

whose planning permission expires within 18 months, is

Helicopter interests say a

Under the agreement neither agreement reached yesterday in side has undertaken to do Brussels that Britain was pre- anything which would not have pared, for the first time, to been required from the moment discuss sovereignty of the colony, which was captured 280 member, Spain could not have kept the existing border con-trols, while Britain would have by Senor Fernando Moran, the had to allow Spaniards the right

of free movement But as a sign of goodwill, the agreement will allow these rights to citizens of both Spain and Gibrahar from the day the border is opened. Controls on the type of worker allowed to find a job in Gibraltar, or on who could buy property in the colony would continue for a seven-year period after Spain-joined the Community - the target date is still January I, 1986 - but "each side will be favourably disposed to each other's citizens when granting

work permits". Sir Geoffrey underlined the importance of ending the quarrel But Señor Morán said: The end of the Gibraltar problem means the integration of Gibraltar into Spain and filling in Spanish sovereignty with maximum respect for the rights of Gibraltarians".

One of the first fruits of the new-found cooperation between Britain and Spain is likely to be a treaty of extradition. The agreement also removes a further block in the negotiations for Spanish membership of the

One area where Sir Geoffrey insisted there was no possible link, precedent or connection was the Falklands. Historically, legally and geographically the case involving the islands was quite different, he said.

Full text of agreement, Page 6 slips that blocked railway lines.

predicted growth in London helicopter movements from 20,000 to 30,000 a year by

1990. But a heliport in so environmentally sensitive an area would meet with violent

opposition, though members of

the Government and military

chiefs would doubtless welcome

The site is one of five proposed by the British Heli-

copter Advisory Board, rep-

resenting manufacturers and

operators, as the central of three London heliports for the

1990's. The other four are near

the Savoy Hotel at Temple, at

the Billingsgate fish market

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor



Scargill absent from strike meeting with TUC chiefs

By David Felton

Labour Correspondent Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers failed to appear et a critical meeting in London last night between the TUC and miners' leaders.

Mr Scargill was said to be too busy at the union's Sheffield headquarters and regarded the meeting with the seven-man TUC team monitoring the ninemonth dispute as routine.

His absence was seen as a snub to the senior union leaders who were supposed to be laying TUC to Mr Peter Walker, the ground for scapening of Society of State for Every, to negotiations between the coal seek ways for breaking the board and union.

Some right-wing union leaders have argued for a reconsigns that miners' leaders are sideration of TUC support, or willing to compromise on at the very least pressure to be opposition to put closures or to brought on the NUM to modify agree to any negotiation with its bargaining position on pit Mr Walker, closures so that talks could be A union spokesman said last

the meeting, attended by Mr meeting because of a tight

Mr John Paul Getty II, aged gave £100,000 yesterday to the Christmas appeal launched on Monday for families of striking miners, enough to fill stockings for 50,000 children or buy a dinner for almost 67,000. Mr Getty, who lives in Chelses London, paid a cheque through his accountants.

Michael McGahey and Mr Peter Heatfield respectively NUM vice president and general secretary, was that there

However where were few

night that Mr Scargill had not Another view presented at attended the Congress House

returned late from a rally of striking miners in Nottingham

The TUC meeting was convened after colliery managers agreed a 5.2 per cent pay increase for 15,000 members over the next 12 months, the increase that was offered the NUM last November.

The return to work showed further signs of slowing down, with 350 going back yesterday, compared with 975 last Tuesday. The drift back to work is running at below half last

The 5.2 per cent pay deal agreed with the British Association of Colliery Management will set the pace for settlements in the mining industry and nublic sector areas. Leaders of colliery deputies will be made the same offer

MacGregor visit, page 2 Parliament, page 4

Academics question NCB accounting

Cortonwood colliery 'profitable'

By Ian Griffiths

Cortonwood Colliery, the pit whose suggested closure pre-cipitated the miners' strike, could be classified as profitable, according to a study by five leading accountancy academics. Their research indicates that in 1981-82 the colliery would have produced a profit at the rate of £5.50 a ton of coal for the National Coal Board rather than the £6.20-aton loss suggested by the 1983 Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on the

The findings were due to be published in an article in the magazine Accountancy this week but it was withdrawn after the NCB put pressure on the leader of the research team, Professor David Cooper of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. After consultations with the NCB yesterday, Professor Cooper has now decided that the article should be published and it will appear unaltered in the magazine in January. The article is critical of the

NCB's internal accounting procedures, in particular the "F23" statement which is used by the board to monitor pit

According to the academics, the F23 "does not provide a sensible basis for pit closure decisions or public debate on them". The article particularly questions the coal board's use of allocating fixed costs, in-curred whether or not a pit is closed, and its use of applying notional penalties to pits which exceed their budgeted output

The academics claim that the

NCB's accounting procedures tend to favour high perform-ance pits which attract high investment and penalize the so-called

The NCB's attempts to prevent the article's publication Accountancy, the official journal of the Institute of Chartered Accommonts in

Last night the NCB issued a statement saying that there were inaccuracies and a misunderstanding of the board's accounting procedures in the article. It also said that the meeting between Mr Michael director-general Butler, (finance), and the authors to article was still scheduled to go ahead in December.

Rig airlift as storms hit north and west

Sovereign Explorer, last night after it went adrift in bad weather 50 miles north-east of Shetland. First reports said that over. it was under tow when the line

All over Scotland, storms air transport yesterday. Driving rain and winds of up to 80mph flooded roads, brought down power cables and caused earth

site near London Bridge, and at Butlers Wharf and Hermitage

The Whitehall site would

serve primarily for local flights

in southern England, and for

Wharf near London Bridge.

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main road between Carlisle and Glasgow, where several high-sided lorries had been blown

isles were cancelled. Speed limits were put on the Forth, Tay and Erskine road bridges. The Central, Tayside and Strathelyde regions were worst

Off Lowestoft, Suffolk, an RAF helicopter rescued five seamen after their coaster, the Lena Wessels, ran aground on sands in force eight gales with winds of up to 50 mph last

Of the Cornish coast, two fishermen were rescued by a Sea King helicopter from the Royal Navy air station at Culdrose after a lugger capsized in high

Men were being evacuated Police warned motorists to affected by the high winds and from a North Sea oil rig, the stay away from the A74, the floods.

Ferries were storm-bound on the Clyde and ferry services along the west coast severely caused chaos to sea, road and disrupted. Sailings to the outer

BILLINGSGATE

connexions to longer flights from two larger heliports, at Batterses in the west and the

proposed Stolport in London's

Battersea is already Lon-

docklands to the east.

Whitehall site proposed for London heliport don's main heliport with 12,000

flights a year. Stolport is awaiting per-mission as a short take-off and landing airport from which the promoters are seeking to have helicopters banned to allay local environmental objections.

Eforts were being made to reduce helicopter misance with a new code of conduct for pilots. Permission for the Whitehall heliport would rest with Westminster City Council. Mr Alan Bradley, chairman of Westmin-ster's planning committee, said: "I find it difficult to believe we would be happy about it. We are already geting a lot of complaints about helicopter

India steps up security after envoy's murder

and Richard Streeton in Bombay

India yesterday announced Norris also leaves a son, aged increased security precautions for British offices throughout the country after the assassination of a senior British diplomat in Bombay.

Police sealed the city by rail, road, air and sea to search for two "white men" reported to have been seen firing shots at

The first cricket Test, which had been in question after the shooting, was confirmed last night and will begin in Bombay today, the England manager said.

The diplomat who died was Mr Percy Norris, aged 56, the Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay, commercial capital of the country. He had been in his post since last month, and previously served in the Gulf state of Dubai.

He was being driven by Mr Maurice de Souza, an Indian employee of the Commission for 20 years, in his Rover, emblazoned with diplomatic number plates and flying the

The car travelled down Marine Drive and then up from the bay along Madame Cama Road towards the Deputy High Commission offices. A gardener tending flowers at a statue nearby described how the car slowed to turn left into Patel Marg when two men stepped

Mr Roy Carter, First Secretary at the comission, said three shots were fired, shattering the front and rear near side windows. One builet whistled past Mr de Souza's face. The others struck Mr Norris, one in the temple and one in the heart. A policeman later recovered two spent 9mm cartridge cases from the road.

Until late last night, the pardener was being questioned by police. The attackers were apparently described as white, with one having long hippylength hair. The other was said to have a sallow complexion. Mr de Souza speeded up and took Mr Norris to the Breach Candy hospital four miles away. He was rushed to the intensive care ward but died soon after.

His wife, Angela, and his daughter, Madeleine, a 23-yearold stockbroker holidaying in India, were at his bedside. Mr

Mr Norris: Hit in the temple and heart.

A police spokesman quoting wimesses, said the two men had waited at the junction, standing under a tree for 15 minutes. An inspector at the scene said it was possible the assassins were from the IRA. Another theory was that they were connected with the envoy's stay in Dubai.

Recent attacks on diplomats in India have all had links with the Middle East.

On Monday evening, Mr Norris, his wife and daughter hosted a cocktail party in his flat for the visiting English cricket side. His hospitality was so much appreciated that the party lasted 90 minutes longer than scheduled and continued later in a botel discotheque.

The cricketers were unhappy about continuing with the first



or two players," Mr Tony Brown, the manager, said, "but if there is a safe place in the world today, the middle of the Wankhede stadium must be as safe a place as anywhere."

increased security clamped on British offices and institutions yesterday. An extra patrol of armed police moved outside the Delhi High Commission and more guards were posted at the Deputy High Commissions in Calcutta and Madras, as well as Bombay. Three officers and 10 constable were patrolling the Taj Mahal hotel in Bombay, where the

England team is staying. The Indian Government yesterday said it was "deeply distressed at this tragic incident We express our deep sympathy to the British Government and the bereaved family".

• BRUSSELS: Sir Geoffrey said here that he had been deeply shocked to hear of the death (Ian Murray writes).
"It is an appalling crime and

it illustrates very clearly the nature of the dangers people in the diplomatic service face, and lots of other people in public life, from terrorists around the • A group calling itself The

Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslems claimed responsibility for the killing in telephone messages to news agencies in London and Paris. Parliament, page 4

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By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

falling dramatically behind that us". of other advanced countries because of inadequate funding, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, told MPs

He gave a warning to the Commons Select Committee on Education and Science that cash shortages now meant "we cannot really go on trying to retain a presence in every field of science".

Sir Peter said: "The pro-portion of good research which this country does is governed by the proportion of world expenditure on research which is spent in this country. Most other advanced countries are actively increasing in real terms, the amount of money they are spending on scientific research, ome of them by quite substan-

Even if Britain's funding of

Britain's scientific research is countries are racing ahead of

Since 1979 the money spent on scientific research in Britain's universities has declined in real terms every year. In 1985-6 spending would, for the first time, keep pace with inflation, but only after a special £26m top-up by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for education.

Sir Peter criticised the Treasury's "wildly optimistic" estimate of 3 per cent inflation for the next year, which determined the Government's increased funding to the UGC. Nobody I have seen seriously considers inflation will be below 5 per cent. So the extra money being made available more or less balances the results of the way the Treasury does its

"We are, in effect, in the Red Queen's world in this country. research managed to stay the You have to run very fast to same in real terms "other stay in the same place".

Teachers oppose VAT on books

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent very damaging to the future of

Six organizations represent-ing more than 500,000 teachers yesterday signed a joint resolution to Sir Keith Joseph. Secretary of State for Education and Science, opposing the threatened VAT on books. They complained that tax on

books would lead to more bureaucracy, more expensive books and fewer children reading. Mr Warwick Hele, High Master of St Pauls Schools for Boys in London, representing the Secondary Heads Association, said it would have the disastrous effect of cutting children off from literary

This means they will have real difficulty with fluency and the use of their own language,"

A handful of left-wing Labour

One member of the Cam-

paign Group of Commons activities said yesterday that the

impetus had come from con-

stituency parties and rank-and-

file party members distressed

and dismayed by Mr Kinnock's ambivalent attitude to the

miner's strike. As there are more than 140,000 miners, he

said, it was entirely possible that strikers and their families could account for 20 per cent of

Labour Party membership, and

that Labour sympathy for the

strikers' cause spread far be-

yond the coalfields.

Mr Kinnock had refused to

accept the invitation of the

President of the National Union

of Mineworkers, Mr Arthur Scargill to attend NUM rallies, and had even spoken of the possibility of defeat for the

umphed at Westminster last

of the party's most important

South) was reelected chairman

of the powerful finance com-mittee, a position he had held since 1979, be defeating Mr

Nigel Forman, (Carlshalton and Wellington), in one of the most

backbench posts.

the nation.

The resolution - signed by the National Union of Teachers, the National Association of Teachers in Further and Highe Education, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, the Secondary Heads Association and the National Association of Head Teachers - was delivered to Sir Keith yesterday. The organiza-tions are also asking for an urgent meeting with Sir Keith.

Mr Alan Evans, head of the NUT's education department said: "This is a tax on knowledge and on learning. We should remember the Victorian he said. "Such a decline in the ability of children to communicate naturally and clearly will be ledge."

Leftist threat to Kinnock

The clear rift between Labour one well-placed left-wing source

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

MPs has begun to toy with the leadership and party members said yesterday that the party

trade union, he would be in real

however the party left recog-

nizes that it lacks candidates for

It is accepted that Mr Tony

Benn might no longer have the

energy for another leadership

contest, and that Mr Michael

Meacher, Labour spokesman

for social services, suffers from

miners' strike should be long-

dead by the time of the next

party conference, and that time

may heal some of the present

runs deeper than the miners'

strike. For the first time since

Mr Kinnock was elected leader,

Mr Michael Grylls, (Surrey

With the victory last week of

Lester in the contest for the

employment committee chair-

manship, the right has kept

backbench economic com-

industry committee

But the talk of a challenge

It is also accepted that the

pangs of front-bench loyalty.

an alternative leader.

When it caomes to specifics,

trouble."

wounds.

Tory right win two vital

backbench posts

By Our Political Reporter

The Conservative right tri- strongly-contested elections

night by holding off strong North-west) retained the chair-challenges from the left for two manship of the trade and

were the general secretary of a alliance.

Scheme for the young looks to its image

By Richard Dowden The Duke of Edinburgh

Scheme is trying to change its image. Mr David Davis, chairman of Edelmans public relations

company, who works for the scheme in a voluntary capacity, has told the scheme's organizers that it appears to be too middle class and elitist.

Some 200 people at seminars in a London hotel will spend today working out ways of bringing it to a wider public. Commander David Cobb, the

deputy director, said the scheme was not being ques-tioned, simply its image, and how to find more young people and provide them with the facilities for competing in it. Since it was launched in 1956 more than two million

young people, aged between 14 and 23, have taken part from 43 countries, aiming to win an award and physical recreation. The Duke of Edinburgh said at a press conference yesterday that more resources and effort

were now going into inner cities than mral areas. Earlier the Dake told the organizing council that the change in the demographic change in the demographic pattern due to the lower pattern now affected all schools and youth organizations, and that many people

were anxious and uncertain.

"At the same time economic "At the same time economic forces are making things particularly difficult for young people. Against this background I believe that we need to make a very special effor to make it possible for more young people to take advantage of the opportunities for individual development offered by the Award Scheme."

Escape break at police college

Christopher Drouet, aged 35, serving a 33-month sentence for theft at Colbingley prison, Surrey, yesterday absconded from a working party doing gardening at the Bramshill Police College, in Hampshire.

A spokesman for the Prison Service said that Drouet had been sentenced at the South-Western Crown Court but was not classed as a dangerous prisoner. The college said that security was very strict.

Mr Hattersley's supporters dominated the Shadow Cabinet

the national executive com-

mittee and the parliamentary

party, and were increasingly

It is felt that Mr Hattersley

and his friends will bid their

time, but if Mr Kinnock tries to

act independently or if he has

failed to win electoral success by

1987, then there could be an

By putting forward new idea of their own challenge, the left wishes to give warning that

party activists will concede no

compromise in the struggle for a

left-wing manifesto and a leadership committed to its

implementation.

attempt at a right-wing coup.



Liberal approach: Mr Tim Slack (left) and his wife, Kate, meeting Mr Peter Oakley, a greengrocer, yesterday.

Liberals to campaign for compassion

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

The Liberal by-election machine, which has helped Liberal and Social Democrat candidates to notable victories and frightened the defending party in several safe-looking seats, set up shop yesterday in Enfield Southgate and claimed it would win. Against it is the shortness of

that Southgate has always returned Conservatives. But in existence." these volatile days there is nothing insuperable about the nothing insuperable about the But they would put. Mr Conservative majority of Hamid said, the issues of cuts, 15,819, or 34.7 per cent. The student grants and hospital Brighton bombing.

They were gently chided, house sales which it intended to however, by both their principal use to rehabilitate its housing.

thought there bad been undue

with an eloquence which might have had Mrs Margaret Thatcher cheering him, Mr Hamid trusted that they would fight a dignified campaign, "dignified in so campaigning as to prove to terrorists that they the campaign, with polling day be engaged in the democratic two weeks away tomorrow and process, and they will not only the democratic process out of

Conservatives were wise to hold closures, which affected electhe by-election at the earliest tors daily lives National polireasonable time after the death cies hit Southgate people hard, of Sir Anthony Berry, in the he said. The council had large sums of money from council

Local people had wanted to use the proceeds of sale of a local hospital to improve other

hospital facilities, but had been

told they could use less than

half. Mr Hamid starts in third place, so the supporters of the Liberal, Mr Tim Slack, were naturally making the claim yesterday, which has served them well in the past, that he was the only real challenger to the Conservative, Mr Michael Portillo.

Mr Slack, who was adopted late on Monday, was introduced proudly, by his agent yesterday as "one of the best on the party's candidates' list". He is no more local than Mr Portillo, Mr Hamid has the edge there, but he has experience and did

opponents in their opening press conferences yesterday. Mr Peter Hamid, Labour candidate, Local people had wanted to Local people had wanted to Petersfield in 1974. Bedales School, and before that of a school in Burma sponsored

by the British Council. Mr Slack, who is 56, said that he would put the economy and unemployment first in his for "compassion

linked with efficiency". He wanted to attack "the myth of housewife economics" which held that the national budget should be run like a family budget; and to promote the consistent Alliance policy of investing in the infrastructure to bring immediate relief of unemployment in the construc-

tion industry. General election result: Sir Anthony Berry (C) 26,451; David Morgan (L/All) 10,652; Mary Honeyball (Lab) 8,132; M. Braithoutstandingly well when he last waite (BNP) 318. C majority, fought for a parliamentary seat, 15,799.

The miners' strike

MacGregor in visit All North-west pits to beaten pitman

From Peter Davenport, Pontefract

MPs has begun to toy with side idea of challenging the leader-ship of Mr Neil Kinnock at the Ship of Mr Neil Kinnock at the Campaign of Mr Neil Kinnock at the Groip spokesman said. "If he Groip spokesman said." If he Hatersley, and his centre-right alliance. few hundred yards away at the town's magistrates' court the MacGregor and Mr Fletcher president of the NUM branch at the local pit was appearing on the local pit was appearing on NCB chairman, whose visit was charges related to the attack.

M. P. W. Weight and 55. dictating policy and even the terms of Mr Kinnock's leader-

Fryston colliery union branch two autographed books on president and NUM welfare mining.

officer for the North Yorkshire Later Mr Fletcher said: "It area, was one of seven miners was a wonderful surprise and who appeared before magis- Mr MacGregor gave me lots of trates in connection with there reassurance, which I needed. He attack on Mr Fletcher in his told me there would definitely home at Kirkdale, Airedale, be a job for me with the coal near Castleford, on Friday.

He was assaulted as he tried return to work. to go to work for the fifth day after abandoning the strike. He move away from the area I suffered broken bones, severe could do so. But I don't think I bruising and cuts.

for 18 years at Mr Fletcher's asked about the attack. colliery, was remanded in custody for a week accused of unlawfully causing grievous many people can have. I will bodily harm to Mr Fletcher on keep them and pass them on to

and abetting.

Mr Wright's solicitor, Mr

Alan Craig, had sought bail.

Four other miners from the

The chairman of the National Castleford area who faced Coal Board, Mr Ian MacGregor, charges in connexion with the made an unexected visit yester- attack were remanded in cusday to the hospital bedside of tody, and two others were given Mr Michael Fletcher, the injured working miner.

As he spoke to Mr Fletcher at Pontefract General Hospital, a appear again on December 3.

Mody, and two states were given the distribution of the state was no point in resuming negotiations with the attack, and all 18 will Higher Florida seam of Sutton Manor colliery near St Helens negotiations with someone

As the court was sitting, Mr Mr Roy Wright, aged 55, the cision", brought a present of

board whenever I was ready to

"He said that if I needed to will need to do that. He wished Mr Wright, branch president me a speedy recovery, and

"He gave me two signed books on mining, which not

the basis of incitement, aiding my family".

and abetting. Mr MacGregor's visit further

Mr Wright's solicitor, Mr strengthened Mr Fletcher's resolve to return to work at Fryston colliery

are working By Staff Reporters The last pit in the National 6 Mr Peter Walker, Secretary

nounced a big investment programme for the pit. would have all the miners b
During the next three years it at work next week", he said.

will spend £17.4m, the largest investment ever in a single Lancashire pit. • A GLC report refers to the

Metropolitan Police as acquiring "a universally bad reputation" in the miners' dispute. It reports comments such as "they're just a load of animals

The report is by Mr Martin committee support unit and forms an appendix to a police committee report presented to the full council meeting last

it expressed grave concern "at the continuing use of paramilitary units and the increased tactics of confrontation being used by the police". Mr Paul Rossi, Alliance spokesman on the police committee, called it a "one-

sided piece of police-bashing".

Coal Board's western area to of State for Energy, said in stand idle because of the coal Corby, Northamptonshire, yesstrike resumed production yes- terday that there was no point

Manor colliery near St Helens negotiations with someone in Lancashire were brought to whose main boast is that he is the surface the board an- not going to move an inch. If there was a secret ballot then we would have all the miners back

• Church leaders who speak out on the miners' dispute have been defended by the general secretary of the British Council of Churches.
The Rev Dr Philip Morgan,

moderator of the United Reformed Church, told the council assembly in London yesterday: 'It is, I think, a matter of great encouragement that in such a frightening situation positions should have been taken, and voices raised within the church-

 Intimidation of working miners in their homes and through their families was probably the most despicable form of attack possible, Mr Charles McLauglan, Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire, said on BBC radio yesterday.

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Thatcher rejects 'worthless' missile offer

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By Philip Webster Political Reporter

President Chernenko's promise to Mr Neil Kinnock that Russia would not make Britain a target if a Labour government stripped the country of its nuclear defences was rejected as worthless by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, yesterday.

During Commons questions she agreed with Mr William Walker, the Conservative MP for Tayside North, who said it was naive to imagine that because someone said that missiles were not directed on you they could not be redirected at short notice. Mr Joe Ashton, Labour MP

for Bassetshaw, was jeered by Conservative MPs when he asked when Mrs Thatcher had last visited Moscow and negotiated a nuclear arms reduction. Earlier Mrs Thatcher said that the Soviet Union had be

brought back to the negotiating table in the disarmament talks by Nato's firmness in implementing its dual track decision. When the previous Labour leader, Mr Michael Foot, visited Moscow in 1981 he

claimed his meeting with President Brezhuev had brought "a major break-through", with the Russians spelling out in detail their readiness to withdraw missiles from western Russia in return for the non-deployment of new Nato missiles in Europe. Subsequently, commentators suggested there had been no real breakthrough.

 MOSCOW: Mr Kinnock and Mr Denis Healey left Moscow last night after a week of talks "firmly convinced" by the Soviet promises on missiles. despite the difficulty of verifying Soviet undertakings (Richard Owen writes).

The account in *Pravda* yesterday of their meeting on Monday with President Chernenko said the Soviet leader had agreed to "reduce and physically destroy" Soviet medium-range missiles stationed in European Russia equivalent to the number of nuclear missiles, British and American, eliminated by a Labour government.

If Britain disarmed pletely, in accordance with Labour's defence policy, "Soviet nuclear weapons will not be trained on Britain at all" Mr Chernenko declared.

He added, however, Soviet missiles stationed in East Germany and Czechoslovakia would remain in place, as they were a response to American deployments in Western Europe At a final press conference

vesterday Mr Kinnock said cruise missiles withdrawn from Britain could be redeployed elsewhere, so that it was natural for the Russians to keep missiles in Eastern Europe.

New magazine wins award

Microscope, a fortnightly magazine for the microcon-puter industry, has won the Computer Journal of the Year category in the UK Computer Press Awards. The new awards, sponsored by The Times and Hewlett Packard, are the first to be made for this section of the specialist press.

Winners in other categories mounced by Jan Leeming at a Claridges dinner last night, included Lisa Israel, of Computer News magazine, for news writing, Caroline Berman, of Computing, for features, PC Magazine, for design, and a freelance photographer, Paul

Sale room

Telephone bid of £64,000 for missal stand

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent A Japanese lacquer missal mix of Eastern and Western artstand which had been bought. The folding missal stand is of on the Continent earlier this European design and is decor-

over the telephone.

in Japan in the last decades of 1600 with an anti-Christian Christie's last year. edict and the crucifixion of both missionaries and local Chris- Dutch traders and Christie's

year for about £500 was sold at ated with the device of the Christie's yesterday for £64,800, Society of Jesus, IHS, in the to a private collector bidding middle of a sunburst, but it used gold hiramakie and an inlay of It is one of the very rare aogai on a black lacquer ground mementos of the highly-success- to produce a superbly rich ful missionary work of Jesuits Eastern effect. The clover purchaser had bought it because the sixteenth century which he remembered a very similar ended dramatically in about missal stand sold for £32,400 at After the Jesuits came the

sale also included a late Japanese craftsmen faithfully seventeenth century Imari porcopied European religious celain figure of a roistering paintings and church surnish- Dutchman astride a barrel of ings, producing a fascinating Dutch gin at £18,360

How 'footprint' two died

of Michelle Sadler and Robert

Miss Sadler had a paper gag pushed down her throat and a wire ligature tightened round her neck, Professor Keith Mant, pathologist, said.

kill him. So the killer tried again, this time going through the voice box and severing an

The "footprings in blood" David Carty, aged 18, of murder trial at the Central Linsey Street, Rotherhite, East Criminal Court, was told London, denies murdering the yesterday of the last moments couple, both aged 17, on February 4

> Mr Carty's trainer shoes matched footprints in blood found in the corridor of the basement. The trial continues today.

THE HANG-UPS OF A **SELLERPHONE OPERATOR.**



Selling by telephone is now very big business and good 'phoners' can earn big money. But the job's a tough one, involving long hours and training which critics describe as 'brainwashing'.

Read "High Pitched Selling" in December's Cosmo. It's an interesting story-entertainingly told.

Masonic hospital 'at risk'

By Nicholas Timmins Local Government Correspondent The Royal Masonic Hospital

Sir William Clark (Croydon Mr Ralph Howell over Mr Jim and a National Health Service nursing school aare at risk after rejection by the hospitals' governers of a £20.2m rescue bid by American Medical control of the three main Mr Tony Prescott, chief executive of the 252-bed hospi-

tal, said it and the school were in danger of closing in three months unless donation from Freemasons flowed in very quickly. The hospital runs a school for 3000 nurses with the Roehampton health authority. The cost is shared.

The Royal Masonic, the largest independent acute hospital in Britain, chirfly treats patients from the 600,000strong Freemasons movement. Since 1973 it has taken non-Masons as paying patients. But for 10 of the past 14 years it has made a loss, which in the year to June was £387,000. This year's deficit is £140,000.

Of the hospital's £7.1m turnover, £4m comes from paying patients and payments by Masons according to means. The remaining £3m has to be covered by donations from the Under the AMI deal, £19m

would have gone into a

charitable trust to subsidize

private hospital treatment for

Masons at the Royal Masonic and other private hospitals. AMI and the hospital would have to put £1.2m each into a trust fund to run the nurses' school, with AMI topping up the running expenses.



aged 15, who was kidnapped to be forced into prostitution, cheered vesterday as two prostitutes and their pimp were sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court after being found guilty of manslaughter. They had all denied the charge. The pimp was sentenced to

The girl fell 200 feet to ber death last March from a nincteenth-floor flat where she had been locked up. She had fought Caroline Middleton, one of the prostitutes, who had been left in charge of her. The girl had been given leave from Greencroft Children's Home, Bilston. Wolverhampton, at the time of the kidnap, but was working as a prostitute in Birmingham. An inquiry is

being held at the home.

Menvil Dowell, aged 36, of Highgate, Birmingham; Deirdre Finnegan, aged 20, Gillott Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham; and Caroline Middleton, aged 19, of Eve Hill, Dudley, West Midlands, were all found guilty of manslaughter. The two women admitted abduction. Dowell denied abduction by the was sentenced to found guilty. He was sentenced to cight years' jail for abduction and 10 years for manslaughter. The sentences will run concurrently. The two women were each sentenced to six years' youth custody for abduction and eight years for manslaughter. Their sentness will run concurrently.



Honoured: Richard Noble, the holder of the land speed record, and his wife Sally and daughters Miranda, aged five, and Genevieve, aged three, leaving their home yesterday for Buckingham Palace, where he received the OBE.

It took Mr Noble, aged 37, a businessman from Twickenham, London, nine years to reach a speed of 633,4468 mph in four-ton, jet-powered car. Yesterday the Queen asked

"I said we were waiting for the Americans to make a challenge," he said. That would involve cars with a speed faster than sound in the region of 700 or \$60 mpb.

started a commercial company developing a new British single-engine aircraft. Johnay Morris, the bread-caster, also received the ineig-

nia of the OBE, yesterday.

him if he was going to continue

Meanwhile, Mr Noble bas

Mr Vaughan had been twice slashed in the throat with a Stanley-type knife. The first cut sliced into muscle and did not

The jury has been told that

The Times overseas selling prices

BBC anger at suggestion that public prefers TV adverts to dearer licence

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The BBC was angered by a new opinion poll last night which was claimed to show that the public overwhelmingly prefers limited advertising on the BBC to an increase in the present £46 colour television fraction of advertising.

The advertising agency, D'Arcy MacManus Masius.

The BBC was angered by a provide the poll; 50 per cent of those interviewed would be unhappy about the introduction of advertising.

Mr Rodney Harris, the agency's media director, said that this was not an outright rejection of advertising. People after each answer is a percentically that because the Equity dispute the has been very successful in attracting advertisers. The BBC is crying wolf. The following were among the questions asked. The figure after each answer is a percentically that because the BBC has been non-commercial.

The advertising agency, D'Arcy MacManus Masius, which commissioned the survey from NOP Market Research, that 77 per cent of the 1.879 people interviewed agreed to pegging the licence in return for one advertisement an hour advertising, then it is clear they being shown. Only 18 per cent agreed with an alternative option to increase the licence fee to £60 without advertise-

The BBC, which has asked for a new licence fee of about £67, refused to comment on the poll, but a senior corporation executive rejected the agency's interpretation, and pointed out that people answering the poll had been told that both questions assumed that the quality of programmes would not be affected by either option.

"Our whole case against advertising is based on the idea. that it would lead to a deterioration in programme standards, so the idea doesn't really make sense", the executive commented.

The corporation was pleased

operator's business collapses.

BBC has been non-commercial for all these years it ought to stay like that. When it comes down to the real crunch question of whether they want to pay more money of have would like advertising."

Masius launched a campaign to persuade the Government to introduce a limited amount of advertising earlier this year. The BBC has steadfastly rejected the idea, claiming that it would force both it and ITV downmar-incre both it and ITV downmar

But Mr Harris said that the would the quality of BBC TV survey showed that 56 per cent of people did not think pro14; Agree, 23; Disagree, 42; grammes would suffer from the Disagree strongly, 14; Don't

Mr Harris said that the BBC's The current cost of a colour TV concern about a ratings war licence is £46. Assuming you along American lines was had to obtain one which of these irrelevant, because the American analogy did not apply here. assuming the quality of pro"What is more relevant is grammes is not altered? TV Jeremy Isaacs's Channel 4, licence fee at £46 plus one ad providing minority audiences per hour on BBC, 77; TV with high quality programmes. licence fee at £60 and no ads on He does not go for high ratings, BBC, 18; Don't know, 5.

Holiday failure safeguard

under which holiday makers who Agents and the Air Travel ators, but not to travel agents or have paid for their haiday Reserve Fund, have been airlines.

through the company are guaranary arguing about who should Access the other main credit

day company bankruptcies.

Barclaycard yesterday re- credit card companies, the its clients on a formal basis. It

Speaking clock to alter tone



nds (right) the precise voice behind the telephon "speaking clock" since 1963, is to be retired some time in the

A successor to Miss Simmonds, a retired supervisor who replaced Miss Ethel Cain (far right), will be announced next Wednesday from the 12 British Telecom employees (above) displayed to the media yesterday.

Mr Brian Cobby, the only man, who is acting night supervisor at Withdean, East Sussex, emerged as favourite with his timely rendering of:
"At the third stroke it will be
nine fifty-nine and 20 seconds."

The first speaking clock was introduced in July 1936 in London. (Group photograph:





Government | Sales boost backs Bill against kerb crawling

The Government is backing a private member's Bill to be introduced this session which will create three new criminal offences, aimed at tackling the nuisance of kerb-crawling.

Miss Janet Fookes, Conservative MP for Plymouth,

Drake, who has drawn second place in the private member's ballot, is to introduce a Bill on kerb-crawling along the lines of the recent report by the Criminal Law Revision Com-

That committee, under Lord Justice Lawton, called for three new criminal offences to deter men from accosting women. whether from a car or on foot, with possible fines of up to £2,000.

It would be illegal for a man to use a vehicle in a street or public place to solicit a woman for prositution; to solicit persistently a woman in such circumstances and for a man to solicit woman for sexual purposes in a manner likely to put her in

The first two offences would have possible maximum fines of £400, and the third a possible maximum fine of £2,000.

Miss Fookes said she had been "swamped" with requests to introduce a Bill, on some 40 different subjects, but had chosen kerb-crawling for several

easons.
"The first, and most important, is that there are, in some towns, virtual no-go areas where women fear to go.

in personal computer market

There will be more than 11 million personal computers in Europe by the end of the decade, according to a newly published survey highlighting the market growth in Britain, West Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland

The survey, conducted by the Paris-based market research group. Intelligent Electronics Europe, focuses on the sales of computers which sell for more than \$1,000.

According to the study: "The European personal computer market is just entering a period of dramatic growth which should be sustained until well into the 1990s. Personal computers have now begun to penetrate the large companies in most of the countries and the penetration rate is likely to

 More than a quarter of the Sinclair Spectrums sold through main high street outlets in the six months before October were returned largely because of product faults, a report pub-lished by market researchers Business Decisions claims.

The study conducted for Venture UK, among 100 retailers, showed that Commodore had also a poor failure rate with 18 per cent of its Vic 20s and 13 per cent of the Commodore

returned. Sinclair claims that its return figures are substantially lower than those revealed by the

Prince's jobs idea takes off

initiated by the Prince of Wales is being used to promote a competition aimed at creating non-farming jobs in rural areas.

It was the Prince's idea to convert derelict farm buildings on his Street Farm at Tetbury, Gloucestershire, into five modern "small workshop units" to help the setting up of small

A backyard business venture businesses on Duchy of Corn wali land.

A publicity brochure for the 1985 Rural Employment Awards shows "before" "after" photographs of the conversion project. The competition, with its £1.000 prize, is sponsored by the Country Landowner's Association and the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas.

will cover holidays paid for obligation to do so after November 20, 1984. Barclaycard's new scheme Laker Air Travel now breaks the deadlock by collapsed two years ago, the guaranteeing compensation to Average mortgage

vealed a new insurance scheme Association of British Travel

teed compensation if the tour reimburse the victims of holi-

The scheme is underwritten Barclaycard, for example, paid by Lloyd's of London, the main out £150,000 to Laker victims

London insurance market, and but did not admit any legal

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent The average mortgage for Former local authority ten-

house and flat buyers in greater ants provided 21.6 per cent of London and its computer belt first-time buyers in Lothian/ this year is nearly £27,000, Strathclyde and 16.5 per cent in compared with just under Belfast compared with 7.8 per £22,000 for the United King-cent in South Wales and 7.2 per dom, according to a survey cent in the London commuter published yesterday by Nation-belt. wide Building Society.

average price of property professions London commuter belt £45,398, compared with the UK average

The survey, Lending in the Major Conurbations, based on mortgages granted by the society during the first nine months of the year, covers: the two London areas; Lothian/-Strathclyde; Belfast; West Mid-Merseyside/Greater lands: Manchester, South Wales; South and West Yorkshire, and .. the North-east.

More than half the homebuy-ers in Greater London, Lothian/Strathclyde and Belfast were tirst-time ouyers, while in the London commuter belt 34.8 per cent were first-time buyers. - In Greater London 16.1 per cent rented privately before buying, almost twice as high a proportion as in any of the other eight conurbations.

Over the whole UK, about 20 in 100 buyers had been living with family or friends, ranging from 17.6 per cent in the London commuter belt and 23,7 per cent in Greater London to 26.5 per cent in Mersey-side/Greater Manchester and 38.2 per cent in Belfast.

under £22,000

Employment status differed in Greater London the markedly among the borrowers, and managers purchased is £41,282 and in the totalled 39.1 per cent in the London commuter belt and 35.9 per cent in Greater London and 10.9 per cent in Belfast. Skilled manual workers were the largest group in Lothian/-Strathclyde, Belfast, Mersey-side, Greater Manchester, South and West Yorkshire and the North-east.

Th percentage of single borrowers in Greater London was 42.2 per cent, compared with 20.1 per cent in Lothian/ Strathclyde and a national average of 28.1 per cent.

• The cost of rebuilding a house or bungalow increased by 5.1 per cent during the year to September, 1984, the British Insurance Association said Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' figures show that a house which would have cost £50,000 to rebuild in September 1983, would cost

2,500 by September. Depending on the house's size and age, and the area, rebuilding costs £30 to £51.50 per square foot of the outside floor area.

Leaflet available by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Leaflets (H), Aldermary House, Queen Street, London EC4N ITU.

Charitable gambler avoids jail

covers payments to tour oper-

Access, the other main credit

About £80m worth of holidays

card company, is expected to follow suit within days.

have been paid for with Barclay

cards through more than 600

tour operators this year. About 20 per cent of all holidays were

raised by the TV licence fees support? BBC television, 36; BBC TV and radio and ITV, 9; BBC TV and radio, 47; Don't

know, 9. From which of these sources

does ITV obtain funding? TV

licence fee, 7; Money from advertising, 88; Government grants, 3; Other, 1; Don't know,

on't know, 4.

A professional gambler paid Ir£10,000 (£8,300) yesterday to

Barney Curley, aged 43, was appealing at Mullingar Circuit Court in co Westmeath against three-month prison sentence imposed earlier this year for running an illegal lottery. A lower court had ruled that he broke the law when he raffled

his £1.5m Irish home. Yesterday Judge O'Malley removed the sentence and applied the Probation Act instead. He said no conviction woulbe recorded if Curley agreed to pay £5,000 to a Roman Catholic Charity, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, to distribute among the poor at Christmas. Curley immediately offered to double the figure.

Motoring fine for Marilyn

£20 for failing to produce his driving licence and insurance.

helped the church to build up a

holiday centre for deprived

children who came to stay in

minimal accommodation in woodland huts. He said that he

had been given a caravan to live

Mr Robinson, who had

its members for £100,

avoid spending Christmas in

Marilyn, the pop singer, was fined £30 at Highbury Magis-trates' Court yesterday after he admitted driving through a red traffic light in Camden Town north London, in August and Marilyn, aged 22, who was

wearing a long brown coat, blue jeans, check shirt, with his hair tied with a pink ribbon, said afterwards: "I enjoyed that, it was quite a funny, interesting

Sangster break

Mrs Robert Sangster, wife of the millionaire racehorse owner, said yesterday that she had "reluctantly decided to seek either a judicial separation or a divorce". She added: "I am deeply upset I have no further comment to make."

Champion video The adventure film Raiders

of the Lost Ark, which broke all cinema box office records, has won the Golden Cassette award for the most rented video film in which the organizing com-mittee had bought from one of of the year.

Divided train

British Rail yesterday began investigating a coupling failure that split the Glasgow to Euston Inter-City train at Brinklow. Warwickshire, on Monday leaving seven carriages strand

animpersonal bank for a personal loan?

Church worker lived like St Francis of Assisi The Methodist Church has animals, including domestic goats, hens and ducks, and had

been ordered to pay compensation for unfair dismissal of an employee who imitated St Francis of Assisi and lived out in the woods caring for trees and talking to his animals.

Mr John Robinson, aged 27, an agricultural expert, told an industrial tribunal in Birmingham that he had worked, most of the time for a wage of £20 a week, for four years as warden 22-acre church-owned Peck Wood, Rowney Green, Worcestershire.

received recent rises bringing his wage up to £80 a week, could receive up to £3,000 in compensation when nego-tiations are completed. That He said he followed the ideas of St Francis, and had looked would be in additi-after the woodland, cared for ex gratia payment. would be in addition to a £400

Lead pollution in school play yards By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Excessive concentrations of lead have been found in 15 streets and 50 school playgrounds in London in measurements of dust and air. The "hot-spots" were discovered in an assessment of lead pollution from traffic emissions; newspaper printing; and external ation of schools.

The analyses, by the scientific services branch of the Greater London Council show that Fleet Street has one of the highest lead contamination levels in London. The cause is attributed more to lead in dust being inadvertently taken out from newspaper printworks than to the contribution from

Talks have begun between the newspaper industry, local authorities, the Health and Safety Executive and the GLC to reduce sources of lead discharges.

Other sites for roadside measurements on busy routes were in the City and the boroughs of Brent, Greenwich, nersmith and Fulham. Haringey, Islington, Lambeth, Newham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets; and at Westminster and Kingston.

Of 15 locations, three had above recommended limits for concentrations in air. with the highest in Talgarth

Road, Hammersmith. All locations exceeded the recommended level when con-centrations in the air in the dust were taken together. The recommended figure for

air is two micrograms per cubic metre; for dust 5,000 parts per million (ppm) and together one microgram per co m air, measured as a three-monthly average figure, and 500 ppm

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Whenever you borrow money from a bank, or from any other source come to that, you'll find you're charged quite a lot of interest. A loan is not a hand out; you buy it with your hard-earned money. ,

That's something that you'd do well to remember. And at Williams & Glyn's we think people who lend money should remember

After all, you'd be unlikely to buy a hi-fi system from a shop where they could scarcely be bothered to talk to you. You'd prefer to go where an experienced member of staff will take the time to listen to your particular requirements and then guide you to the best set-up to suit your needs.

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it's called 'personal' service, and as a slightly smaller bank with years of experience of delivering this kind of service, we may well be the best people to give it to you.

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You must be over 18 to have a personal loan. Security may be required, but if it is there is no charge to the customer for legal fees.

But we think you should start by finding our where people work the hardest in return for your custom. In any Williams & Glyn's branch you will find a leaflet giving full details of our personal loans, and the staff will be happy to give you any further information you require. And of course, they will treat you as what you are. A paying customer.

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PERSONAL LOANS

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A member of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc Registered Office: 20 Birchin Lane, London, EC3P 3DP Tory protest at extra cash for mines

seeking the agreement of the House to this extension of the power to pay

deficit grant.
The NCB made a very much

larger loss in 1983-84 than had originally been anticipated and the

strike and overtime ban increased it

by £197m. Although the order

before the House was not a direct

consequence of the strike and was foreshadowed by the Government some months ago it would enable

the Government to meet at least

part of the additional loss which the NCB would incur in 1984-85

Mr Alex Eadie, and Opposition spokesman on energy (Midlothian,

I shi, said it was a scandal that the

coal board chairman still remained

in office when at one time he

because of the strike.

NUM leadership could put an end to violence

COAL DISPUTE

Violence in the mining dispute could be stopped by the leadership of the NUM if it chose to do so, Mrs Margartet Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons

In the exchanges, Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) asked: Will the Prime Minister accept congratu-lations from her colleagues for the perceptive analysis she made last night of the dangers facing democracy in this country. (Labour

protests)
When she returns to her theme of the Fascist left, will she point out the intimidation of miners, their wives adn their children, has seen no equall since Oswald Mosely and his blackshirts brought fear to the

Mrs Thatcher: The intimidation and violence we have seen is a blot on the face of Britain and has done our reputation untold damage abroad, and our trade untold

Mr Alan Howarth Stratford-on-Avon. C) said earlier: The miners of because, in their own words, they are ashamed of intimidation and

ckened by violence. That unequivocal condemnation of violence should be endorsed by every MP. The refusal by the President of the NUM, Mr Arthur Scargill, to call off the violence indicates the unscrupulous means that the left are willing to use to get their own way.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, Even if the member of the NUM and every member of the TUC, the acid test is hether the violence will stop. I believe it could be stopped by the leadership of the NUM if they choose to do so. The acid test again is whether the guidelines of the TUC will be followed.

Mr Allen McKay (Barnsley, West and Penistone, Lab): Her utterances and MPs on this mos



McKay: Bring people to negotiating table

least, less helpful than they could be. Instead of dividing and being divisive she should use her power tuence to bring people to the negotiating table and, in the interests of the mining communities, she should set in motion a public inquiry into picket line

Mrs Thatcher: I probably care more about the future of the coal industry than many Labour MPs.

There are good jobs available for miners if they wish to return to work. It is the leadership of the NUM which, without consulting them, is deliberately making them affer privation and some suffer. suffer privation and some suffer ce and intimidation which

Dr David Owen, Leader of the Margaret Thatcher during Prime Minister's questions of the commit-ment to full employment coatained

in the first general election manifesto on which she fought. The 1950 election manifesto, Dr Owen said, bore the words: We the main loyment as the first aim of a

scribe to those words? If she did would she not be better placed to speak for the majority of the people of this country? Mrs Thatcher: The Governo

should do everything they possibly can to achieve the financial framework to maximise employ-

industries keep abreast of technological advances, as this Govern-ment is doing, and not extinguish very enterprises from which are jobs will come. I would have thought Dr Owen have the same policy, he

nenally tries to imitate Conservative

Mr David Winnick (Walsall, North, Lab): In view of the attack on Government economic policies by the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Peter Walker) is it not surprising that he should wish to rising that he should wish t in one of her ministers, or doe she believe, like many on both sides that he likes office far top much to

HEALTH SERVICE Mr Fowler: That is untypically unfair of him. There is an extra £700 Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife.

COAL GRANT

majority of 103.

A small group of Conservative MPs staged a revolt in the Commons

early on Tuesday morning when the

Government moved an order to

enable the £1,200m limit imposed by the 1983 Coal Industry Act on

deficit grant paid to the NCB in the financial years 1983-84, 1984-85

and 1985-86 to be increased to

£2,000m. The order was approved

by 105 votes to two, a Government

Mr David Hunt, Under Secretary of

Coal Industry (Limit on Deficit Grants) Order 1984, said that over

the two years 1983-84 and 1984-85 the National Coal Board was likely

State for Energy, moving the dr

Lab) asserted during Commons questions that Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, had sought to mislead MPs and the people with figures given on Government support for the Vational Health Service.

Mr Fowler said the Government would spend next year £17 billion on the health service. This was, he said, an increase of £700m on the anticipated total spending for 1984-85 and £200m more than previously announced in the 1984 expenditure announced in the 1984 expenditure
White Paper.
The funds allocated to health

authorities would be increased by I per cent over and above what would be required merely to keep pace with the rate of forecast inflation. These figures (he said) demon-strate the reality of this Governthe health service.

Mr Hamilton: However much he might seek to mislead the House and the country with these statistics. even his figures presume an increas

in the pay of nurses and other ancillary staff of 3 per cent. This means that over the last few years these people, despite all the protestations of the minister and his

where there were large profits to be made and possible connections with

the international drug trade were involved was causing particular concern to the Government and

action was being taken, Mr William

Waldegrave, Under Secretary of

He told MPs in a debate on the

natural environment and the national heritage of Britain that the

moratorium on all movements of all

diurnal birds of prey between the

United Kingdom and Germany.

This was being done on the advice

The Government would be

rigorous in pursuit of illegal trade of

Government

the Environment, an-

was imposing a

ENVIRONMENT

meet its losses on revenue account.

The Government (he went on)

must support the case of the working miners and seek to point out to the country that we cannot

possibly carry on with the level of

losses the coal board is suffering at

The Coal Industry Act 1983

provided that the aggregate of deficit grant paid in the financial years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 should not exceed £1,200m. Provision was made, however, for this limit to be raised in one or more

Less than a year after the 1983

Act became law, and only halfway through the period it was intended to cover, the Government was

Cash for growth if next NHS

pay settlement reasonable

stages to £2,000m by order.

the present time.

million. If pay is settled reasonably at 3 per cent, there would be 2 per cent for growth from cash inside the service. But health departments have their cash budget and they must plan within it. There is nothing different between the health service and any

other service, or any other industry, in that Mr Kenneth Eastham (Manchester

Blackley, Lab) asked if the assessments included the ever-increasing number of pensioners, 100,000 a year, being added. This would increase the burden on the

This was why the Govern providing more cash for the health service. There would be 5 1/2 per cent more cash for it next year as compared to this year. • Later. Mr Kenneth Clarke

Minister for Health, said the United Kingdom spent 5.6 per cent of the gross domestic product on the NHS in 1983. The corresponding figure

Stopping illegal trade in birds

acid rain. It was not enough to hide behind research and the call for a concerted international approach. There also needed to be a target date

Agriculture was always presented as a benign industry, but action

should be taken to prevent the over-use and abuse of fertilizers and

Mr Waldegrave moved a Govern-

ment amendment noting the increased resources the Govern-

ment proposed to devote to

He said the Government ap-

proach to countryside matters was

based on a framework within which

emissions into the sca.

department, will continue to suffer a social security: Under this Govern-substantial reduction in their ment's record on the NHS, which he standard of living.

If that was expansion, will be confirm that in this next year there is going to be contraction when for the first time he is forcing health authorities to cover costs of pay rises to health service workers over 3 per cent, or is be expecting health service workers, some of the lowest

than were treated a year before.

been closed and only 35 opened.

Mr Clarke: The figures on hospitals opening and closing are among the silliest he has ever used. He knows perfectly well we close small old hospitals and open new, bigger hospitals, so the total number of beds opened under this Government is almost equal to those lost. We are treating more patients

On next year's pay settlement, the fact is we are planning for a cash increase of 5.5 per cent on top of this year's health spending. Within

paid in this country, to subsidize the NHS by taking a real pay cut when thousands of rich people are being given massive tax hand-outs?

The health service is not in the business of conserving buildings or just providing beds, it is treating patients - 3.5 million more patients

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Oppo-sition spokesman on health and pay costs just as every other service.

Government, in conserving a

niggardly in provision and lethargic

Sir Hector Mouro (Dumfries, C) said he wished that those who

criticized what was happening in the

countryside would go up in a plane and see for themselves that it is far

from being the desolate area they

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, L) said there were some

tourists, weekenders or ornitholo-

environment select committee was going to make recommendations to the Government on the section of the Wildlife and the Countryside

Act dealing with sites of special

It had been estimated that in the

past 35 years over half the country's lowland heaths had been lost, half its fenlands drained, over one third of the ancient woodlands felled and over a quarter of upland heaths and

asslands destroyed. The scope of the change had been

quite dramatic. If this was principally a result of the intensifi-

cation of agriculture it was due not to the fault of the farmers but to

successive governments who had wished and willed maximum food production. It had been achieved by

a system of agricultural subsidies.

The countryside could not be preserved in aspic, nor should it be. It was the scale of the change that was worrying. At the least the system of financial support for accomplishing had to be considered.

agriculture had to be supplemented with a more coherent and comprehensive structure of subsidies and

to conservation, recognized to need for action. The Tories wa

in response to problems

Hattersley condemns BT sale 'bungle'

Chancelor of the Exchequer who made the biggest gaffe of all when he

alked about it being a worthwhile

Mr Eric Cockeram (Ludlow, C)

said it was time miners were told

firmly that they could not expect

endless subsidies from working

neonle earning less than miners

could earn. It was time that the tap

was turned off. He could not support the Government in its

Mr Anthony Markow (Northampton North, C) said the £2,000m represented 2p off income tax or

40p off a gallon of petrol. The extra

£800m was a massive sum

compared with the changes in

overseas aid and the £39m cut from

student grants. It was greater than

request for this very large sum.

SHARES

Mr Roy Hattersley, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, challenged the Prime Minister at question time in the Commons to say how much money would be lost to the Exchequer because of what he described as bungling over the flotation of the British Telecom He said Swiss and American

bankers and brokers were buying forward to obtain BT shares and offering 40 per cent above the pre-issue price even before the issue had

Mrs Margaret Thatcher: The Exchequer will have its money by virtue of the underwriting. What Mr Hattersley cannot stand is the success of the issue. either does not understand the law or she is careless of its application.

The practice I have described illegal, or would be, if it were operated by British subscribers. Why does she condone or boast about such a practice? Mrs Thatcher: If there is anything illegal it is dealt with by the British courts totally and

impartially.

Mr Hattersley does not want
more extensive share ownership in
this country and therefore he
condemns the privatization of BT.

Home loans of long-term unemployed

New arrangements for handling the mortgage interest payments of longterm unemployed were called for by Mr Roy Galley (Halifax, C) during

He asked Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Social Security, to consider, in consultation with the signs that the Government was becoming a little green at the edges but it still had a long way to go. The countryside should not be turned into a museum and place for social security advisory committee for long-term unemployed and others, the possibilities of new arrangements for mortgage interest payments to go direct to the lender gists and biologists doing research. The countryside was a living place where people lived and worked the abuses that were taking place. Mr Newton said he was conscious of Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C) said that shortly the

But large number of people may feet (he added) that it should not become an automatic consequence of becoming unemployed that a building society is immediately told by the local social security office.

Report early in new year on cot deaths

forward to receiving early in the new year a report from Professor John Knowelden from the Univer-sity of Sheffield into the problem of cot death, Mr John Patten, Under Secretary of Health and Social Security, said during Commons This report was the result of

seven years' work, he said in reply to Mr Roy Galley (Halifax, C) who had called for more research into the harrowing topic of cot deaths.

Licensing laws

Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a Commons written reply that the Home Secretary had no plans to reform the licensing laws, but the matter was kept under review.

(Money) (No 2) Bill was read the third time in the Commons. **Drug firms** 'screaming blue murder'

times Britain's net contribution to

head for every man, woman and child in this country. I have in my

constituency some 70,000 constituency

ents, perhaps 100,000 souls, if I

were to walk through the lobby with

the Government tonight what I would be doing is depriving my constituency of £1,500,000 and I am

The Hereford City Council Bill, Surrey Bill and Worcester City Council Bill were read a second time:

and the Greater London Council

the European Community.

not going to do it.

Progress of Bills

PRICE SCHEME

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister fo Health, to meet representatives of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry to discuss he drug price regulation scheme. Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said during

Mr Andrew Hanter (Basingstoke C) that the measures resulting from Mr Fowler's recent statement about drug pricing would not effectively deny NHS patients certain import-ant drugs such as the arthritis drug

Mr Fowler replied: There are branded drugs which have been developed specifically for the relief of arthritis which will still be available. At present Distalgesic is not in this category. committed to this limited list scheme and the whole point of. having a consultation period is to

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab): He should resist the selfish and distorted propagands of the pharmaceutical industry which is now screaming blue murder. The only advice he should accept is independent advice about imple menting this very good proposal. Mr Fowler: There is a balance to be held in these proposals. It is in on which are going to damage the research-based pharmaceutical industry in this country, but I believe that in the proposals we are not doing that. We are making

useful savings in the health service budget and on those grounds the proposals should be supported. Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C): Will Mr Fowler confirm that though his proposals on generic prescribing will save the NHS money, there is no reason to doubt the efficacy of the alternative drugs? Those who have suggested we are moving towards one health service for the rich and one for the

poor are guilty of mischievous nonsense. (Labour laughter) Mr Fowler: I agree. Though there is laughter from the Opposition benches I always thought it was the Opposition's policy, too.

Government acting to combat Aids

immune deficiency syndrome - was spelled out by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social services, during Commons questions.

He ssured Mr David Sambers (Bury South, C) that sufficient funds would be put at the disposal of the National Health Service to combat and publicize the danger of patients contracting the disease through blood transfusions. Mr Sumberg had spoken of

increasing pubic concern that the NHS did not have enough funds Mr Fowler said the Government

was seeking to become self sufficient in Factor 8 so that it would not be imported. He hoped this would be achieved by 1986.
His department had also issued

leaflets and more important, he was seeking ways of testing blood donations. No screening test had yet been developed, but a pilot trial would be started in London in the

Divided views on televising Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS

A six month experiment in televising proceedings in the House of Lords was recommended by the Select Committee on Televising the House, starting possibly in January. Lord Aberdare, the Chairman of Committees, said in opening a debate on the committee's report in the House of Lords on a motion accepting the report.

If accepted, he said, the experi-

ment was likely to cost the House only £10,000 as the BBC and the IBA had accepted they would treat the televising of the House in the experimental period in the same way as any other outside broadcast. The BBC estimated that their costs for each day of television coverage would be about £20,000. The committee recommended

that the selection of what was broadcast and editorial control should be left to the broadcasting authorities in the same was as with sound broadcasts and that the terms of the resolution of the House on July 27 1077 under which sound broadcast operated should apply to the television experiment.

The committee also recommended that the position with regard to copyright and parliamentary privilege should be the same as for sound broadcasting. Four cameras, sited in each

corner of the chamber, would be used in the experiment and if hand held camers were required they would operate from the me position. If the idea became permanent romote control cameras would be slung beneath the galleries. How often the proceedings were

televised depended on the broadcasting authorities and their interest in the business before the House, but it was unlikely to happen more once the novelty had worn off.

Ministerial statements repeated in the House of Lords would not be televised during the experimental period as it would be undesirable to risk the good will of ministers in the House of Commons. Live broadcasting would, in any case be very rare, most programmes having been recorded and edited.

While it was unlikely select committees would be telelvised very often, the committee saw no reason for their exclusion from the The EEC had offered to provide

the House with a copy tape of material used on their programmes which could be replayed on the House's video recorder for the benefit of any peers who had missed the debate. Tapes would also be supplied to enable the House to assess the editorial process. Lord Chalfont (Ind) moved an

amendment saying the select committee report should not be implemented until the Commons decided to hold an experiment. He said Lords proceedings were

the said Lords proceedings were already publicly available through the Official Report, the press gallery and sound broadcasting. No one was deprived of knowledge of what went on in the House by the absence of television cameras. The television camera, unlike the microphone or any other instrument of reporting, was capable of making news as well as reporting it.

Nobody's behaviour remained entirely unchanged when he or she knew that a camera was present The House was not a place for great drama, impassioned rhetoric or high-flown oratory. Its members addressed each other constants addressed each other courteously

and usually with respect. He feared that a gent deal of that might change when the television lights were on and the red light on the camera was glowing.

If the proceedings were to be televised, even for an experimental

period, the House should continue to have a substantial, indeed a decisive, voice in the way in which the camera was used and the proceedings were edited and

that with newspapers and sound broadcasting admitted already he could not argue in principle that television should be excluded and that this experiment should not be made. It could certainly be argued that it would be advantageous for the public to see their parliamentary institutions at work.

Concentration of sound broad-

casis from the Commons on the period of Prime Minister's ques-tions was a mistake for which the reputation of that House had paid a price. Any experienced parliamen-tarian knew that in recent years that period had become a sort of trick exercise. It had turned into a noisy mock-gladiatorial contest on the model of Tweedledum and Tweed-

It would be essential that from the start of this trial complete control of the House of the matters selected for televising must be established. The rules must be understood, accepted and operated by the television authorities.

Lord Aylestone (SDP) said they were getting this experiment on the cheap. Should they agree at the end of six months to continue beyond the experiment with full coverage of the House the cost was going to be very considerable.

I hope (he said) that as a result of the experiment we will decide to prove that it is possible to televise this chamber and in the course of time the other chamber too without so many of the problems people fear

will arise. Lord Ardwick (Lab) said that in

a full report of the Commons and even Tine Times was extremely economical in the space it gave to the Lords. For most people the only full report easily available was provided by Radio 4 which was under an obligation to do so, but radio was a minority interest.
If a wider public was to be given:

chance of finding out something about the everyday work of Parliament television was the only medium that could do it. It would be obscurantist now to turn back and say "no" to the experiment. Lord Peyton of Yeoril (C) said he did not believe there would be many occasions on which the Lords on its own would merit full-scale coverage. Why was there this anxiety on the part of the broadcasting authorities to knock loudly on the door of the House? He could not but believe that what they really sought was admission to the place down the corridor.

been concentrated on Prime Minister's questions. Those responsible for television had yielded to the temptation to convert public affairs and the arena in which they were conducted into a bull ring. The select committee report had done nothing to comfort him on any point, nor had it made clear where in the event of the experiment being judged a success the money for the next stage would come from.

community and the public should be allowed to form their own view of them. Public opinion was the most emphatic force in the land. If great issues were being debated the public should be able to see and hear

proceedings were about the only facet of national life which was not televised. Radio was the worst of

Compulsory mud flaps for lorries

told the House of Lords: The Secretary of State for Transport. Mr Nicholas Ridley, after consulting widely with all sections of the industry, laid regulations on October 10 and these are now before this House. They make mandatory this House. They make mandatory the fitting of spray reducing equipment to heavy lorries.

These regulations would come into effect progressively from May 1, 1985, starting with new trailers followed by new motor vehicles and statistics heavy united. existing beavy trailers. Lord Nugent of Guildford (C): Has.

he thought how to procede from our. own vehicles to our visitors from Europe who come here in large

Vienna Conventions. There is no European Community directive or regulation on this but we hope the Community will follow our lead and harmonization will follow based on our standards. our standards.

this order should not cover coaches? Lord Brabazon of Tara: There is no point to the attention of the Secretary of State.

Callaghan tribute to Framework murdered envoy ASSASSINATION

There were expressions of sympathy from all sides of the House of Commons for the wife and family of Mr Percy Norris, the British Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay, who was murdered this morning. Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, described it as a cowardly and senseless murder. It was premature to speculate on who may motive might have been.

Mr Lace said the Indian police were making every effort to capture the assailant and were cooperating closely with the British High After the assassination, the

Indian government had immedi-

ately provided extra security for British diplomatic premises, including British Council offices. He gave an assurance that the highest possible priority would be given to the security of British diplomats around the world, whatever adjustments were being made in the expenditure of the Foreign Office.

The security of the Deputy High Commission in Bombay had been inspected last year and the recommendations had been carried out. More recently the Indian authorities agreed to provide

additional measures of their own.

But he emphasized that it was not

possible for diplomats, any more than politicians, to carry out their functions properly and to be assured of absolute security at all times. Mr George Robertson, an Oppo sition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Hamilton,

Mr Luce: At the funeral of Mrs Gandhi there was the strongest possible demonstration on behalf of all parts of this House of the grea friendship that exists between this country and the people of India. Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab; Only three weeks ago on the day of Mrs Gandhi's assassination I arrived in Bombay to be met by Percy Norris and his wife who took immediate care for my security and safety and regarded themselves as responsible for it until

memselves as respo the time I left. He was a most unassuming, capable officer and he and Mrs Norris had just arrived in Bombay and were both looking forward eagerly to serving this country in India, as they did.

I would like to express deep regret and sorrow for Mrs Norris and for the driver who had driven Mr

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP:

Nothing must be said or done to call

into question or doubt the capacity of India to pull together and survive the already shattering blow they Nothing should be said in this country, above all, to cause any suspicion in India government and

people to overcome its problems.

Mr Luce: I am sure the views he

expressed are the views of the vast majority of the House and the British people.

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EMPLOYMENT

Does Mrs Thatcher still sale

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act on his supposed convictions about the misery of mass memploy-Commons (2.30): Elections (Northern Ireland) Bill, completion of remaining stages. Lords (2.30): Mrs Thatcher: I have Mr Walker's Lab): Will be make it clear that no Debates on unemployed; pro- speech with me. Will be say

international enforcement officers in Bristol in two weeks' time to find ways of making enforcement more One aspect of the Government's Introducing TWA's new Getaway USA Fly/Drive approach to reconciliation of interests was the explicit attempt for Free car in

powers to use common agriculture policy money for conservation objectives. This had been welcomed among conservationists and farmers who were interested.

In support of the initiative, he had raised the subject of the interesting of springling in the interaction of agriculture in the environment with the relevant EEC Commissioner and the environment council. Britain would table a memorandum at the next Council of Ministers meeting on December 6

to follow this through. The Government was guilty of dragging its feet over conservation issues, Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said when he opened the debate and moved an Oppo-sition motion which expressed widespread concern about the alarming deterioration of the natural environment and called on the Government to respond im-mediately with action and legis-

Waldegrave: Conflicts can be resolved

consensus among farmers and conservationists. Under the Act conflicts could be resolved. There was a consensus in the House for a limited change to the Wildlife and Countryside Act,

The Government took seriously the death of swans from fishermen's lead weights. If an effective voluntary agreement could not be made it would consider legislation.



together. Since the Wildlife and Countryside Act was passed, there had been a growth of a new

having discussions to see if a private Member's Bill could meet the need.

primarily to block the three-month loophole. The Government was having discussions to see if a private

The Opposition men ment was rejected by 276 votes to 190 -Government majority, 86.

Lord Home Of the Hirsel (C) said

Britain as in most other countries Parliament was badly reported. Only The Times gave anything like

In the Commons attention had

Lord Denning (Ind) said debates were of interest to the whole

Lord Seames (C) said parliamentary

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MOTORING

Answering a question on standard spray suppression devices for heavy freight vehicles Lord Brabazon of Tara, the Government spokesman.

numbers with very large vehicles? Lord Brubazon of Tara: At the moment visiting vehicles are exempt through the Geneva and

heavy goods vehicles have been running with these for some time successfully and a number of coaches. Is there any reason why proposal for these regulations to cover coaches, but I will draw the

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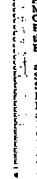
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Country sports groups unite to defeat animal rights campaign

and fishing fraternity have united to form a national body dedicated to defending country sports against animal rights campaigners and other op-

The Council for Country Sports was inaugurated at a meeting yesterday at St Ermin's Hotel in London, attended by auons of every field sport from representatives from associcoarse angling to beaglers, and tackle-makers to falconers. The new body will form a

pressure group to promote the role of country sports enthusiasts as natural conservationists. and will act as an umbrella organization to work with police and politicians in preventing disruptive demonstrations against the sports. Sir Humphrey Atkins, the

former government minister and keen fisherman, who will thair the new council, said: of the existing Campaign for "More and more the lead in opposing country sports is being aken by people whose chief oncern has nothing to do with he protection of wild animals, and they can't · out simply with the extension of iolence and lawlessness, and urther challenges to the

police. The Council claims to represent more than 5 million sports followers, inun-holders, and the I million decide to give as good as they unismen and women who are get".

Britain's hunting, shooting, estimated to follow the country's 400 packs of hounds each

> The three biggest organiza-tions joining the launch are the British Field Sports Society, the British Association of Shooting and Conservation, and the National Angler's Council.

> Representatives ephasized that people who pursue live quarry need to nurture the right habitat. As many field sports-men are also country landowners, they argue, they are best placed to preserve hedgerows woods, bird and mammal life and stetches of clean, open

water.
Mr Richard Course, executive director of the League Against Cruel Sports, said: "1 feel quite honoured that they're taking our campaign seriously that they are having to react in this way. This new council is simply an extension Country Sports, with the support of the same people who have failed to stop us before: they want to put the clock back,

Mr Ronald Lee, spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, said that he understood those, hunt saboteurs who had begun to react to violence from landowners by fighting back. "If you've been beaten up while luding 3 million coarse and trying to peacefully protest, it's ame anglers, \$00,000 licensed not surprising that people trying to peacefully protest, it's



Song of survival: Boys of St Paul's cathedral choir singing Advent carols at the launch yesterday of an appeal, by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Alan Traill, for £500,000 for their choir school. Money is needed to give the school a separate foundation. (Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Fear protects £9m thieves

A gang of "powerful, ruthless, vicious and cruel" international crooks were behind the disposal of £9m of bonds stolen from a City bank, a judge at the Central Criminal Court in London said

In spite of a huge police operation the ringleaders had never been discovered, because of "fear", Judge Abdela, QC,

Photocopies of the bonds had turned up in London, Dublin, on the Continent and in Saudi Arabia, where plans were made

to sell them. One man claimed that the IRA and Libyans were involved, Judge Abdela said, although the police had found no evidence to support the

The man, James Farugia, aged 40, a hotel owner of St Paul's Bay, Malta, who said he was "too terrified" to give detectives information, was jailed for three years when he pleaded guilty to receiving eight

of the bonds, worth £5.5m. The bonds were stolen in a burglary at the Bank of Iran, police in Norway,

Eastcheap, in December, 1982. Judge Abdela told Farugia: "This is something which has a very wide network of dangerous international crooks behind it You became enmeshed in this web of intrigue. If you had given information about those running it, measures could have

your family. Mr Dorian Lovell-Pank, for the prosecution, said Farugia, a father of four, was arrested at the Lancaster Gate Hotel, Bayswater, after a tip-off from

been taken to safeguard you and

Assaults on prison staff double in Scotland

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Assaults on staff in Scottish disorderso or other forms of prisons have more doubled in four years, from 75 in 1980 to

158 last year.

Describing the trend as "disturbing". Mr Alistair Thomson, director of the Scottish Prison Service, suggests two possible causes in the annual report on prisons, report on prisons, published yesterday.

First, an increasing number for 21 hours. of inmates received into custody suffer from personality

emotional instability, often attributable to drink or drugs. Second, this rise may reflect an apparently violent society in

Perhans the most dangerous of a number of serious incidents was perhaps when an inmate at Perth prison held a staff member hostage at knife point

Prisons in Scotland Report 1983 (Stationery Office: £4,25).

False names appeal to guests at bomb hotel

By Rupert Morris

Police investigating the IRA combing at last month's Conbottoing at last month's Con-servative Party conference in Brighton want to speak to several people who stayed in the Grand Hotel under false names between July 1 and October 11. In particular, they want to interview a man who stayed with another person in room 530 on September 18, and in room 427 on October 2. Each time he booked a double room time he booked a double room in the name of J. Morgan, of Small Dole, near Henfield. Police also renewed their appeal to a man calling himself

Roy Walsh, who gave a false address of 27 Braxfield Road, London, SE4, and stayed on September 15 and 18 in room 629. These men are urged to get in touch with Brighton police on 0273 606744 (incident room),

so that they can be eliminated from inquiries. **Princess's uncle**

leaves £2.6m Lord Fermoy, aged 45, uncle of the Princess of Wales, who shot himself while depressed at his home in Hungerford, Berk-shire, on August 19, left estate valued at £2,695,251 net.

He directed his trustees to offer all his active polo ponies first to the Royal Horse Guards and secondly to the Household Brigade Polo Club. The rest of his property was left mainly to his family. Other wills, page 14

The law's delay: 3

Variations in bail at magistrates' courts

n magistrates' courts, the biggest problem is lack of formation on where delays occur. In the last of three rticles, FRANCES GIBB, Legal Affairs Correspondent, roks at the steps courts have been urged to take while this ata is being collected.

fficiency and reduce delays.

The first big problem is the anting of bail by courts, which

On police bail. anting of bail by courts, which early has a direct effect on charge before the remand ffences if bail is granted.

But there is a huge variation ier first remand, from 60 per int to 90 per cent of defending.

The Home Office and tief police officers have just the local circumstances, the period should not be left to the police, officials unched an inquiry into why other steps include simplifi-

hat courts apply the Bail Act in charge sheets and a stricter ifterent ways, particularly in attitude by court listing officers. e light of two court rulings hich prevent fresh bail appli-

Those rulings, it was argued, idermined Parliament's intenthat bail should be insidered affesh every eight tys, and the MPs rec-imended that the decisions reversed, by legislation if cessary. They also called for agistrates' courts to have wer to require a surety for od behaviour when granting quired only for an appear-ice), and for "bail" courts ose to prisons to deal with mands. Finally they called for ore bail hostels.

The Home Office response is been mixed. It has urged surts to make more use of and length of adjournments. ort two or three-day remands. r the gathering of further formation while bail is being insidered. But it has rejected ty change to the bail rulings. It has also rejected sureties good behaviour. Courts Special "bail" courts would costly, the Home Office says, d would not necessarily

Magistrates' courts, which benefit the funding local authcal with 90 per cent of all ority. But it is considering riminal cases, have been greater use of courts' existing istructed by the Home Office powers to transfer a case to a take measures to improve court nearer the defendant's prison, and also reviewing bail

umbers in custody. The Bail hearing, there is also great ct 1976 created a general right variation from area to area, bail, subject to certain with some police bailing for receptions such as where the seven days, some for several leged offence is imprisonable weeks. The Home Office is now and there is a risk of further suggesting a three-week limit. with one week for most routine minor offences. Some courts the granting of bail by courts have already agreed that police

There is also considerable cation of summons and comidence, put before the Comions home affairs committee, sitting hours, rationalization of

The Justices' Clerks' Society hich prevent fresh bail appli-itions unless there are changed reumstances. estimates that delays arising from preparation of committal papers lie behind nearly half of all requests for adjournments. It suggests that those accused of indictable offences, subject to safeguards, be committed for trial without waiting for the service of written statements. The home affairs committee concluded that a statutory time limit would deal with this difficulty but the whole question of committal procedure

none the less is under review. Police have also agreed to give courts details at committals of how long the accused has been in custody.

Listing officers are being urged to take a tougher line with lawyers to reduce the number

The benefits of all those measures can be assessed only when the crucial information has been obtained on exactly where the delays are occurring. But it is likely that if they fail to show substantial results, the r good behaviour. Courts proposal resurrected by the ready have power, it points proposal resurrected by the Lord Chief Justice - to remove it, to impose certain con-tions to stop further offences interference with witnesses. trial - will gain ground; the magistrates and the Lord Chancellor already strongly

IE extradition ruling delayed by Dutch

A court in Assen in The therlands, yesterday post-ned a ruling on the extra-tion of States Smith aged 20 need a ruling on the extration of Steven Smith, aged 29,
to is being sought by British
thorities on charges of obnity and immorality relating
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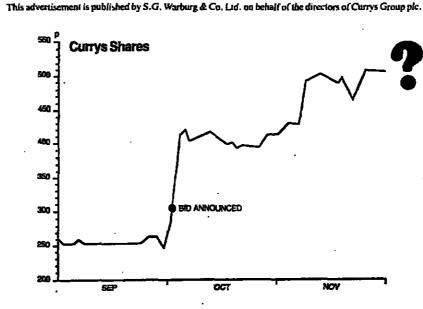
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Mr Meijers said that although e court ruled that Mr Smith out he court was satisfied on his second conduct. The g adults to sexual intercourse th minors," it suspended final judication "to give the British avernment the opportunity" provide more information on tother charge

Libel actions against paper are dropped

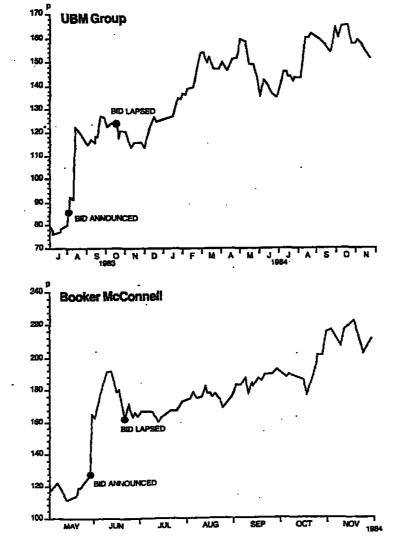
Mr Alex William Herbage, an investment broker, yesterday discontinued libel actions in the High Court against The Sunday

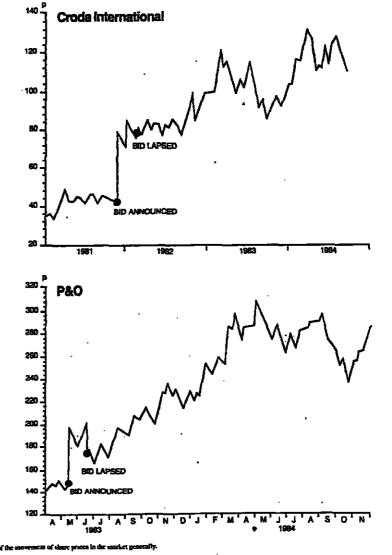
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Commentary

Geoffrey

Smith

breakthrough on arms control

in his discussion with President

Chernenko in Moscow? The

Soviet leader has made two offers. The Soviet Union would

be prepared to reduce and

dismantle its missiles on a one-

for-one basis for every British

nuclear missile that was scrapped; and no Soviet nuclear

weapons would be targeted on

this country if Britain removed

all nuclear weapons from its

territory, in accordance with Labour's official defence policy.

The offer to match the reduction of British missiles

would apparently apply not only to those British missiles

aiready deployed, but also to Trident if Britain decided no to

go ahead with it, though that is

not clear from the press statement released by Tass.

These assurances spell out in rather more detail why Presi-

dent Andropov had offered in May 1983. But the critical question is not whether Mr Chernenko has put forward

anything new, but whether he

has proposed anything that would be worth accepting. Those of us who believe in

maintaining an independent

British deterrent will not be

attracted by the package. A

partial reduction in the Soviet

nuclear arsenal would be no

compensation for the total loss of the British deterrent. Nor

Has Mr Kinnock made a

be seriously ill.

There is still no explanation

why Mr Gorbachov was able to

return from holiday to attned

the Red Square parade on 7

November but not to attend

ship, including an enlarged Politburo session on 15

Supreme Soviet foreign affairs

commission, of which he is chairman, last Friday.

Mr Gorbachov alos failed to

meet Mr Neil Kinnock, leader

of the Labour Party, even though he is to visit Britain in

just over two weeks' time.

From Trevor Fishlock

New York William Schroeder's mech-

anical heart is pumping audibly

at 60 beats a minute and

"working beautifully," Dr William De-Vries, the implant

surgeon, said yesterday.
"I asked him today: 'How

are you doing? He asked if the

heart was working all right and

I said: 'Yes, it is'. I asked him:

'Can I get you anything'? And he said: 'I'd like a can of beer'.

should one draw much comfort from a promise not to target weapons on Britain: such a decision could presumably be reversed swiftly in time of But there are a good many people in this country who are not unilateralists, yet who believe that it will not be

feasible for Britain to keep indefinitely its own deterrent. That will prove, in their judgement, to be just too expensive.
This school of thought might reasonably conclude that, if the independent deterrent has to be renounced anyway, it would be better to get something rather than nothing for such a concession. Whether Mr Chernenko was offering something

or nothing would depend on

whether he would permit the reduction of Soviet missiles to be verified adequately. Unilateral

benefits Mr Kinnock may at least judge that he has obtained something aseful in political terms. At the last election Labour had no answer to the criticism that the party was willing to give up the British deterrent without getting any-thing in return. Now Mr Kinnock can claim that he has negotiated something, and that even an imperfect exchange

would be better than nothing. Labour proposes, however, not only to abandon Britain's independent deterrent but also to get rid of all American nuclear bases from British territory. Nothing that Mr Kinnock has obtained from Mr Chernenko would make that a safer course for Britain. Indeed, in one critical sense the Labour have made his party's defence policy look an even more

dangerous proposition.

The objection to removing American nuclear bases is not only, perhaps not even principally, that it would weaken the defence capability of the West. It is that such an action, imposed arbitrarily by one ally upon another, would destabilize Nato. It would breed uncertainty on the continent of Europe and encourage those in the United States who would like to reduce American force

levels in Europe. Yet that is also liable to be the effect of the leader of Britzin's principal opposition party appearing to negotiate in Moscow for unilateral benefits for this country in exchange fo

unilateral actions. Of course, it is reasonable for leading politicians from any Western country, whether in office or in opposition, to have discussions with the leaders of the Soviet Union. That is the way in which a broad East-West dialogne can be developed. It is a valuable means of exploring the thinking of the Kremlin. The whole of the Atlantic alliance can benefit

from such activity. But it can do so only if such discussions are conducted in a way that takes account of the needs of the whole alliance. Part of Mr Kinnock's conversation with Mir Chernenko came into that category. He was seeking to explore the possibilities for arms negotiations that might follow from Mr George Shultz's meeting sith Mr Andrei Gromyko in the new year. That was fair enough. He might possibly have gained some useful in-

sights.
But it is hardly acting like a loyal member of Nato to negotiate with Mr Chernenko what benefits might be obtained for Britzin by kicking out the Americans.

Big increase in spending on arms announced at **Supreme Soviet meeting**

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Parliament, yesterday met to Great Palace. approve a dramatic 12 per cent The 1,500

The 1,500-member Supreme budget, apparently to match US automatically endorses party military development.

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the debate. This year policy was 53-year-old heir apparent to laid down by the enlarged President Chernenko, made his Politburo session two weeks reappearance at the session in ago, and the Central Committee the Kremlin, but Marshal failed to convene on the eve of Dmirry Ustinov, aged 76, the the Supreme Soviet, as it als

Defence Minister, did not done for at least 20 years.

Marshal Ustinov is thought to Mr Boris Ponomaryo Mr Boris Ponomaryov, candidate Politburo member, Mr Gorbachov, who had told The Times it was "not been the subject of political obligatory" to hold a plenum speculation, took his seat in the before the Supreme Soviet, and Polithuro front row on the that there was broader dis-platform, next to Mr Andrei cussion of economic issues in Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, the Supreme Soviet in line with Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, the Mr Chernenko's dictum that the Prime Minister, and Mr Cher-role of government (as opposed

to party) should be enhanced. Diplomats said they found that unconvincing, however, and said the plenum on Monday and been cancelled because of policy disagree-

crucial meetings of the leader- ments. Marshali Nikolai Ogarkov, Polithuro session on 15 dismissed in September as November and a meeting of the Chief of Staff, appeared at the Soviet for the first time since his demotion, still with a growth rate of about 2.5 per marshal's star on his enaulettes. He sat, as he used to sit when in er, with hands folded on a desk clear of papers, as if bored

by the economic speeches. Yesterday, however, Mr Vasily Garbuzov, the Finance frail, holding on to the backs of spending had remained offi- to rise to 632 billion cubic chairs as he walked slowly into cially static for the past four metres in 1985.

The Supreme Soviet, Russia's the chamber of the Kremlin years, although Western experts say real defence spending in increase in the Soviet defence Soviet meets twice a year, and amounts to some 15 per cent of the total rather than the

official 5 per cent. The increase is none the less striking confirmation of the Soviet need to match costly American weapons developments despite economic sacrifices at home. Marshal Ogarkov, who is thought to have been at the centre of a dispute over the arms race, remained impassive during the annouce-

Mr Garbuzov and Mr Nikolai Baibakov, head of state planning, also announced that national income had grown by 3.1 per cent in 1984. The growth rate target for 1985 is 3.5 per cent. a modest increase which partly reflects the diversion of

scarce resources to defence. Mr Baibakov said industrial production had risen by 4.4 per cent in 1984, compared to a target figure of 3.4 per cent. The rget for 1985 is 3.9 per cent. Western observers said these figures were equivalent to a western gross national product

announced, confirming Western reports that the harvest has been poor. Mr Baibakov said that oil production, which this Yesterday Mr Gorbachov, Minister, surprized observers by tonnes below target at 615 wearing glasses, held animated announcing an increase in the million tonnes, would rise by conversions with Mr Gromyko defence budget for 1985 to only 2 per cent next year to 628 while making copious notes. Mr 19.06bn roubles (£19.8bn), a million tonnes. Gas production, hermenko appeared fit but 12per cent increase. Defence on the other hand, was expected

More police fly in to curb island protests

Paris thinks again on Noumea

police reinforcements were Government flown to the Pacific Islands, and The Rassen

including the former colony's opposes any form of indepenseparatists. livestock in an attempt to Assembly, gaining 71 per cent persuade the Government to of the vote. restrict to indigenous Kanaks French overseas territory, thus for the separatist

dence from France. The separatists, who on an election boycott, Saturday announced their own *provisional government* in

originally set for 1989. No new date has yet been mainly Asian immigrant whites and immigrants hope it will be before the 1986 total break from France.

Full text of

Gibraltar

agreement

The full text of the agreement on Gibralian reached yesterday in Brussels is:

wealth Secretary, the Right Honour-able Sir Geoffrey Howe, and the

Spanish Foreign Minister, His Excellency Schor Don Fernando

Excellency Scnor Don Fernando Moran Lopez, held a meeting in Brussels on November 27 during which they agreed on the way in which the Spanish and British Governments will apply by not later than February 15, 1985, the Lisbon Decaration of April 10, 1980, in all its parts. This will involve simultaneously.

(A) The provision of equality and

reciprocity of rights for Spaniards in Gibraltar and Gibraltarians in

Spain. This will be implemented through the mutual concession of

the rights which citizens of EEC countries enjoy, taking into account

the transitional periods and dero-

gations agreed between Spain and

Gibraltar. As concerns paid employ-ment, and recalling the general principle of Community preference, this carries the implication that

during the transitional period each side will be favourably disposed to

(B) The establishment of the free

movement of persons, vehicles and goods between Gibraltar and the

(C) The establishment of a

negotiating process aimed at

overcoming all the differences

between them over Gibralter and at

promoting co-operating on a

mutually beneficial basis on econ-omic, cultural, touristic, aviation,

military and environmental mat-ters. Both sides accept that the

issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully

maintain its commitment to houour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar

as set out in the preamble of the

2. Insofar as the airspace in the

region of Gibraltar is concerned, the Spanish Government undertakes to take the early actions necessary to

allow safe and effective aircommu-

3. There will be meetings of working groups, which will be reviewed periodically in meetings for this

The Foreign and Common-

As the political storm over French parliamentary elections, the French Government's hand- which are likely to return a ling of the state of virtual right-wing majority less syminsurrection in New Caledonia pathetic to their separatist continued in Paris yesterday, aspirations than is the present

The Rassemblement pour la a senior Government official Calédonie dans la République, began talks in Noumea, the which is affiliated to the capital with various parties, Gaullist RPR party, vehemently dence, as its name implies. It Separatists meanwhile are won an unexpected landslide reported to be continuing to set victory in the November 18 fire to buildings, pillaging, election for a new and blocking roads and slaughtering semi-autonomous territorial

Half the electorate failed to the promised referendum on turn out to vote, however, self-determination of the marking as much of a victory Front virtually ensuring total indepen- Nationale de Liberation

Kanaque, which had called for Some 12,000 miles from Europe in the South Pacific, opposition to the newly-elected New Caledonia has belonged to French origin, and the rest mainly Asian immigrants. Most whites and immigrants oppose

The French Government's original plan after this month's election was to set up a joint committee, composed half of Government representatives and half from the new to draw Assembly,

conditions and terms for the self-determination referendum, The overwhelming victory of the anti-separatist vote and the strength of support for the separatist militants have both the Government to

reexamine the position. The Minister for France's Overseas Departments and M Georges Territories. Lemoine, caused an uproar at the weekend when he appeared to call into question the election results by drawing a distinction between "legal" representatives of those on the islands and the

real" representatives. Under the terms of New Caledonia's new statute, the French Government may annul territorial government, have the French since 1853. It has a the election, but for the moment succeeded in getting the Government to bring forward 43 per cent are Melanesian the referendum date, which was Kanaks, 37 per cent whites of into alleged irregularities. In the meantime, the already beleagured Government faces another very delicate situation it will not find easy to solve.

Luce assures MPs of security priority Cuts in the Foreign Office budget announced last week will not affect the priority given to the security of diplomats abroad, Mr Richard Luce,

Minister of State at the Foreign Office, told MPs yesterday (Philip Webster writes). Mr Luce gave the assurance demanded by the Opposition and Sir Peter Blaker, chairman of the Conservative backbench

foreign affairs committee, after the murder of Mr Norris. Security spending for the protection of diplomats in various parts of the world had increased considerably and, "as far as we can see, will continue

Party separated and re-formed as the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP). Across the Hindi belt all three segments of the coalition that ruled from 1977 to 1979 have failed to agree on non-aggression pacts. The result will very likely be that two or even three opposition candidates will

vital section of the country. Talks to create a national plan of campaign were held under the auspices of Mr N. T. Rama Rao, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, whose own Telegu Desam Party does not exist outside his state, but whose position is dominant within it. But they failed and Mr Rama Rao took himself off back to Andhra, grumbling to his aides that the petty squabbles of the other leaders appalled him. He is reported to have told his confidants that he no longer wished to campaign

supporters to that effect basis have been taking place state by state. Only in Gujarat. Karnataka and Tamil Nadu do any agreements (the Indians call them "seat adjustments") seem to have been reached. These are well outside the Hindi heart-

In any case, the agreement is already faltering with Mrs Menaka Gandhi's party declar-ing it will put up 11 candidates in place of the one allocated to

Pradesh, which together send 135 MPs to Dolhi, no such

separate list of candidates to contest 16 constituencies. Nominations closed vesterday and all names have to be in.

In the meantime, the Congress party is going ahead with fielding as attractive a selection

of candidates as possible. Dal had not split but had divide the anti-Congress votes whose inclusion could have remained a united force, the in most of the seats across this damaged the party's prospects corruption or other misbehaviour, have been dropped. Mr A

> the spasm of anti-Sikh violence Fourteen members of the

Hockey player, is being given a

Congress won a perfectly respectable 10 out of 26 seats. chance to enter Parliament from Madhya Pradesh. **Troops patrol Santiago**

on first day of protest Santiago (AFP) - Armed evidence in the capital's worksoldiers patrolled the streets of ing-class districts.
the Chilean capital in full The organizers - the National combat uniform yesterday at Workers Command, backed by the beginning of the first of two the Communist-led Popular days of national protest against Democratic Alliance - had the 11-year military regime of called for go-slows, worker General Augusto Pinochet meetings, and boycotts of shops Commuter bus garages reported and civil administration offices a full service, but many buses in protest at the three-week-old reaching the city centre were state of siege. less than half full. Shops were But in the r open, but in Lo Valledor the absentees were reported in city's biggest vegetable and schools and the pattern was the meat wholesale markets oper- same in Chile's three other ated at about half capacity at main centres, Valparaio, Vina

the peak delivery hour because del Mar and Concepción. of lack of transport. The first clash was not late on Monday ought, one of reported until early afternoon them near the presidential when police used water-cannon palace. to disperse a city centre gathering Armoured vehicles Las Condes and Provicencia

From Christopher Follett Copenhagen into crisis by an endless and increasing stream of refugees

good education and background months to process because of in the age group 18 to 30, acute shortages.

escaping from the Gulf War.

Hundreds of Iraqis have also
in a year has led to an acute shortages.

The steep increase is attri- kroner (£4.5m). This year, about 3.800 refu- for their applications for politi-

Heart man asks for a beer Schroeder's abdomen near the navel. Tomorrow and on Friday and Saturday doctors will have trial runs with a 12 lb portable commercial hospitals which is compressor that could, in ideal circumstances, be carried in a shoulder bag, giving up to three hours of independence from the larger machine.

In medical circles the oper-

ation on Mr Schroeder, at a profit-making hospital, with attendant public relations activity, has opened a debate about the propriety of such work in a commercial organize.

A leading critic of the Humana programme is Dr Arnold Relman, editor of the New England Journal of Medicine, who worries that doctors risk losing "the soul and integrity" of their profession by

becoming involved in commercial hospitals. Dr Devries said yesterday: "I have set up this project exactly the way I wanted without any question about costs and I have been able to select the patient without considering whether he can pay his bill. Humana have made no demands on what I can do. I have been impressed by the marriage between the two [commerce and medicine]. With the resources available here I can do the loperations much better than I ever could in the so-called university hospital. I am very pleased with the

general

taken ill

General William Westmoreland

was ill with backache yesterday,

forcing an interruption in his

\$120m (about £100m) libel suit against the CBS television

"We don't believe it's

serious". his lawyer said. "I got

a call saying he was in serious pain and couldn't walk." Gen-

eral Westmoreland, who com-

manded US forces in Vietnam

from 1964 to 1968, says he was defamed by a 1982 broadcast.

Ankara (AP) - The mother of the convicted papal assailant Mehmet Ali Agea says she wants to visit her son in Rome.

The semi-official Anatolia

New Agency quoted her as

saying that she will write to the

Turkish Prime Minister secking

Four expelled

Bonn - Romania has ordered

the expulsion of four members of the West German Embassy in

Bucharest. The move is seen as retaliation for the recent expul-

sion of five Romanian diplo-

mats from Bonn after charges

that they had planned to kidnap

Hong Kong (Reuter) -

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Baron missing

Chinese and Taiwanese rescuers

are searching for Baron Arnaud

seen since he left southern

China on Saturday to windsurf

across the Taiwan Strait on a

Shorter lunch

Mother wants

to see Agca

permission for her trip.

network.

Indian opposition faces disaster Libel trial over failure of poll pacts

Feeling good, looking good

years 2go. Subsequently he went to the Humana chain of

funding an implant programme.

Schroeder in a seven-hour

operation at the Humana Heart

Institute in Louisville,

Speaking for the first time about the operation, Dr De-

Vries said Mr Schroeder, who

is 52, was very close to death

Before we went ahead he

said he was happy with it, that

he did not have any other choice. And he really didn't

have any choice. That Saturday

was going to be one of the last

We would have preferred to wait until Wednesday this week, but it became obvious on

Friday afternoon that he was

not going to survive the weekend. He deteriorated

greatly and we did not get there any too soon. We selected

Sunday morning and on Satur-

day night I was worried that we

would have to do it that night. But he stabalized."

Dr Devries said Mr Sch-

roeder can feel the heart. It

loes not burt, but he can feel it

thumping. He says it feels "a little prominent."

pump is operated from a compressor, the size of a small

The 10-oz steel and plastic

Kentucky, on Sunday.

before the operation.

days of his life.

He sewed a pump into Mr

"He is feeling good and looking good and everything is functioning on schedule. We are very pleased. He is doing

excellently. I am very excited

about the surgery. It went

smoothly and there were no

Dr De-Vries, aged 40, is the

only surgeon in the United

States licensed to carry out

artificial heart implants. He

performed the pioneering

operation on Dr Barney Clark

surprises," he added.

From Michael Hamlyu

Cold comfort: Mr Schroeder being fed ice chips yesterday

Delhi The Indian public has been vatching with fascinated horror as the opposition parties, preparing to fight the general election at Christmas time, have

been committing ritual suicide. The only way that the opposition leaders have any chance of replacing Mr Rajiv Gandhi as Prime Minister is by combining and avoiding splitting the votes opposed to his Congress (1) party.

But it has now become clear

up single opposition candidates in the north of India, where the bulk of the parliamentary seats are. have hopelessly broken The lessons of 1980 seem not to have been learnt. Of the 221 parliamentary scats in the Hindi belt - the heartland of confrontation between Congress

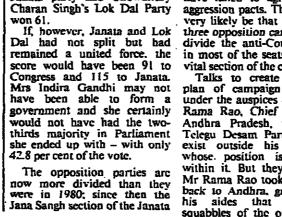
and the national opposition

parties - Congress won 145 that

that talks on agreements to put

vear, and between them the Janata party and Chowdhury Charan Singh's Lok Dal Party If, however, Janata and Lok score would have been 91 to Congress and 115 to Janata. Mrs Indira Gandhi may not have been able to form a government and she certainly would not have had the two-

she ended up with - with only 42.8 per cent of the vote. The opposition parties are now more divided than they were in 1980; since then the



outside his own state and made a public announcement to his Since then talks on a bilateral land, and in Gujarat at least

it it under the pact. But in Bihar and Uttar

agreements have been possible. In Bihar, Chowdhury Charan Singh's newly-renamed Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Party has split into its constituent parts again, and the leader of the Lok Dal portion of it announced a

though it may be possible to give effect to a seat adjustment agreement by pulling out candidates before the last days for such withdrawals on Friday.

A list of candidates released by the party at the weekend shows that some old warhorses. R. Antulay, a former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, at present standing trial for corruption, has not been given a

ticket though he is threatening to stand on his own. Mr Dharam Das Shastri has been dropped from his seat in the Delhi constituency reserved for scheduled caste (the former. de Rosnay, aged 38, a French nobleman who has not been Untouchables) candidates. He figured in news reports recently protesting at the arrest of people found in possession of loot after

Congress Legislature Party in Manipur have left the party after not being given renewed tickets to stand in the state assembly elections there, which will take place at the same time as the general election.

Peking (AP) - Say goodbye to the two-hour lunch break, the Chinese Government told all Peking office workers yesterday in a directive to improve efficiency. The work day will end an hour earlier to make up Sports hero Aslam Sher, the

12-ft sailboard.

for the loss of a lunchtime hour. Eraser danger Brussels (Reuter) - The European Bureau of Consumer European Community on fancy rubber crasers that look like

confectionery and could endanger children.

1,000-year city Moscow (Reuter) - Soviet archaeologists have discovered the remains of 1,000-year-old silver mining city amid the towering peaks of the Pamir mountains in central Asia, Tass

Zaire arrest

Kinshasa (Ruter) - The commander of Zaire's army detachment in the southern town of Moba, held by rebels for 48 hours earlier this month. is to face a court-martial for

and soldiers were most in sections of Santiago. Gulf refugees pour into Denmark

But in the morning only a few

At least 10 bombs exploded

Explosions also rocked the

Denmark has been plunged

from Iran and Iraq. According to the Danish Refugee Organization, more buted by the authorities to the than 600 refugees, mainly recent liberalization of Danish

joined the flood via Turkey and equivalent rise in the Ministry

With the nine refugee centres than 600 refugees, mainly Iranian and Iraqi, have sought political asylum in October and November, compared with a total of all nationalities last year of only 350. in Denmark unable to cope, the

of Justice refugee budget to 60m

fortress at the mouth of gees have entered Denmark, cal asylum. Copenhagen harbour have been nearly 2.000 of which are About 60 per cent of Iranians converted into temporary hos-Copenhagen harbour have been Iranians, mainly male deserters are granted asylum, although it tels for the growing Middle and conscientious objectors of often takes more than six Eastern refugee population.



Brussels breakthrough: Señor Fernando Morán, Spain's Foreign Minister (right), arriving for yesterday's meeting, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, giving a

press conference afterwards. González hails Rock pact

had been begun by yesterday's the effect of putting well into Anglo-Spanish agreement on Gibraltar, Señor Felipe Gonzalez the Sonit Price z. lez. the Spanish Prime Minis-

ter, said, The agreement was reached EEC. after talks in Brussels between Fro Secretary and his Spanish counterpart, Seor Fernando Morgan. Señor González said about triumps, but the agreement did represent an advance Gibraltar and its vicinity, for the whole of Spanish foreign However, he reiterated Gib-

negotiations over sovereignty. "We have always placed our Spain emphasized Britain's experss commitment to negotiate the sovereignty od Gibraltar. "For us, this really opens a
process of decolonizing the
Rock." the Spanish Foreign

Taith in the British Government of the British Gove Minister spokesman said. The state radio and television said it was "the first time since 1713, the end of the War of the

Spanish Succession, when Spain

lost the Rock, that a British

government had ever agreed to

final frontier restrictions on the

Rock, before Spain joins the From Gibraltar, Sir Joshua Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Hassan, the Chief Minister, speaking by telephone, said the of sovereignty of the territory agreement was an "honourable referred to in the Treaty of outcome" to lengthy nego- Utrecht as well as sovereignty of there was noplace for ahouting tiation and a first step towards the isthmus, which was never fruitful cooperation between ceded to Britain".

> Ministry pressed by Spanish reporters to benefit. sat exactly what recovering sovereignty meant, he replied: That Gibraliar becomes just

raltarians' opposition to any by

joint agreement, Madrid yesterday clarified what questions, in its view. Britain had agreed to tackle regarding sovereignty. They covered "both the theme

Spanish officials vesterday

Mrs Margaret Thatcher

suggested that a visit to Madrid

could occur soon, since the

Brussels delaration had firmly When the Spanish Foreign side, yesterday expressed belief spokesman was that the local economy would And Sir Joshua spoke of

"hundreds of thousands of tourists hotherto stopped at the one more piece of Andalucia, of frontier who would be able now spain."

Corruption nettle remains to be grasped as Hawke heads for election victory

With only three days cam-paigning left before the Labour Sydney solicitor. Mr Morgan businessman media tycoon, Covernment expects an casy return to power in the Austrahan general election the Prime now indicated that a decision Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, has on whether to pursue the case, largely succeeded in keeping the issue of crime and corruption in the government, judiciary and business out of the public

Yesterday, the Prime Minister was busily denying thet Australian journalists' telephenes were tapped generally.

Simultaneously, although not although he still refused to confirm or deny a specific allegation that conversations by Mr Brian Toohey, editor of the National Times, a respected political weekly, had been

Mr Andrew Peacock, leader of the Liberal-National opposition, has consciously spiked his guns since realizing that his now celebrated gibe across the floor of the federal Parliament, that Mr Hawke was "a little crook", has probably cost him more votes than any utterance

he has made since. Even during Monday night's television debate between the two leaders. Mr Peacock refused to elaborate on his veiled references to the fact that there was something rotten in the state of New South Wales. where Mr Hawke's Australian Labour Party has its main

But there is ample evidence to suggest that the problem will not go away, and that if Mr Hawke is returned on Saturday there will be some particularly virulent nettles awaiting his

The first is the case of a federal judge, Mr Justice Lionel Murphy. An all-party Senate committee reached an inconclusive result in its investigation into whether he had attempted



Mr Justice Murphy:

From Alan Hamilton, Melbourne

Sydney solicitor, Mr Morgan Ryan, The Federal Attorney General, Mr lan Temby, has crickel of the judge will not be made "for some time".

Within the past few days, however, Judge John Foord, a

New South Wales district judge,

connected with the same case. Mr Rex Jackson, the former New South Wales Minister in Charge of Prisons, has appeared court charged with conspiracy to release three prisoners well before their sentences were complete. The Crown Prosecutor has alleged that Mr Jackson took substantial bribes in order to pay gambling debts. men are jointly charged with conspiring to pay the bribes to



As a further embarrassment to Mr Hawke, a questioner during Monday night's televised debate alleged that Mr Paul Landa, the New South Wales Attorney General who died of a heart attack at the weekend, had been anxious to leave state politics because of the corruption. Mr Hawke stonewalled the suggestion, and said he had every confidence in the state

The second big corruption allegation, which is temporarily dormant but with which Mr Hawke will be obliged to deal to pervert the course of justice sooner or later, involves Mr



Mr Packet: Silence

From dialogue to confrontation

Stern Slav steers strict line

on the developing style of Pope John Paul II, Peter Nichols



businessman, media tycoon, and promoter of world series

Goanna after an Australian lizard, has strenuously denied affications by the now wound-up royal commission on orga-

crime headed

Frank Costigan, a Melbourne QC, that he was involved in a

string of extremely serious

resolutely silent since issuing a

strongly-worded denial several weeks ago, but the Federal Director of Public Prosecutions

told The Times yesterday that it

would be some time before his

office and the Government

decided whether to pursue the allegations or to drop them and

The powers of the Costigan

commission have been trans-

muted into a new and perma-nent National Crimes Com-

mission, but opposition poli-

ticians say it has no teeth, and

insufficient powers to pursue

There have been other, less

successful, attempts to discredit

Mr Hawke during the cam-paign, some of his opponents

are still worrying away at the \$1,000 (£833) Mr Hawke had

stolen from his room at the

Boulevard Hotel in Sydney. No

one has explained why he

should not have been carrying

such a sum of money, but there have been attempts to link it

with Mr Hawke's admission

that his daughter had been a

nationalist politicians in Queen-

sland, their main power base,

tried to claim that Mr Hawke

and the Federal Treasurer, Mr Paul Keating, had been in-volved in a bizarre fiddle to sell

Australian trawlers to Saudi

Arabia using Government

funds. The evidence was said to

have come from papers found in a Watergate-style break-in at

the office of an estate agent in

Cairns, Queensland, but no

Mr Ian Sinclair, the National

Party leader and a right-wing

politician with a reputation for conducting head-kicking ven-

dettas against political op-ponents, has been consistently

asking in recent days why Mr

Hawke's own past, particularly

when he was leader of the ACTU, Australia's equivalent to the TUC, has not become an

Mr Sinclair's case has been

somewhat diminished by his

own starring role in an interview in Playbov magazine in

which he discussed his former

relationship with a Sydney

proof has been offered.

election issue.

heroin addict. Last week,

finally clear Mr Packer's name.

Mr Packer has remained

Mr Packer, codenamed "the

An aspect of the Vatican, freenently overlooked, is er-rane as the

rock it claims to be. Individual popes and even the administrative ma-chine itself reflect with a certain sensitivity the atm phere of the times. This Pope has

changed Rome's approach to the Communist world. John

XXIII, who called the Second Vatican Council and can be said to have refounded a modern papacy, lived at a time when hope in international affairs was allowable. He was briefly on the international scene with Kennedy and Khrushchev. He succeeded in persuading the Soviet authorities to send Russian Orthodox observers to the council. In its turn, the council was not allowed to become an anticommunist platform, This was in keeping with John XXIII's character and conviction that the Church should show a "perfect neutrality" in worldly

Paul VI, who followed him, applied diplomatic techniques to maintain and expand the opening which John had made. John Paul II is very aware of being the first Slav Pope in history and from the beginning. of his pontificate has sought to demonstrate that European unity must include Eastern

Inevitably this has led him openly to challenge the communist position and, if he has succeeded in giving fresh heart to the remaining Catholics in the East, he has at the same time totally changed the papacy's stance to that of an

development could arguably be said to depend more on the international situation than on the Pope's Slav origin, just as the more hopeful times in the past could have been due to the diplomatic experiment in dialogue, begun in Khrushchev's day. And that raises the question

of whether John Paul II's bandling of the Church's own internal affairs, with a hand so much beavier than that of his



arrival at the Vatican for an audience yesterday.

of the moment. Surely one part of what some people see to be a complete departure from the council is due more to his ersonality than to his own thinking.

The clearest recent clash between the council's teachings and the Pope's actions is seen in the response to his decision to allow the use under certain conditions of the Tridentine Mass which had been superseded by the new Mass devised to follow the council's

Many of the bishops had news of this important move from the newspapers. Official letters followed later. The news came a matter of weeks before an important and long-planned meeting here of representatives of national episcopal confereuces throughout much of the Catholic world to review the very problem of the application of the council's decree on the liturgy. In this case a public protest was made. Representatives of 32 national conferences of bishops from Englishspeaking countries expressed the "grave concern, regret and dismay" with which they received the news of the official

The principal reason for this remarkable but little publicized protest was that "the con-cession appears to be a

include southern Lebanon.

While armed militiamen were

not in evidence, unarmed

militiamen, discreetly dressed

in jeans and T-shirts, stood

around their former check-

In private the gunmen of

Beirut are expressing their own

guarded confidence in the security plan. The Muslim

militias believe that a Lebanese

Army move south will help to

bring about an Israeli with-

drawal. But in east Beirut the

Christian Phalangist militia are

still expressing doubts.

Mr Massoud Ghawi, the official spokesman for the

Lebanese Forces" - the combi-

nation of Christian militiamen

in the east - expressed reservations about the Sixth Brig-ade's capability of controlling

The real fear of the Chris-

tians, however, is that the security plan contains no political guarantees, and south

workable coalition in Parlia-

ment, will be crucial if the obstacles the new Government

will face are to be surmounted.

Much will depend on the attitude of the Blanco Party.

and that in turn will depend on

its imprisoned leader, Senor Wilson Ferreira Aldunate. The

Supreme Court was scheduled

to review the charges against him, and diplomatic sources speculated that he could be

eleased within a few days.
The Blancos and the left-

wing Frente Amplio are likely

to put pressure on the Colorado

administration to prosecute military officers responsible for human rights violations.

human rights violations. Sources close to the military

say that political persecution could provoke a violent reaction from "certain sectors" of the

With almost 20 per cent of

the vote, he Frente Amplio has established itself as a force to be reckoned within Uruguayan politics. Senor Sangainetti will have to try to include some of

its leaders in his Government. But the most serious problem

may be the economy. A four-year-old recession has crippled Uraguayan industry and re-

duced real wages to 50 per cent

of their 1973 level. Unemploy-

ment stands at 15 per cent, and the new Government will

probably face labour unrest.

west Beirut.

points to watch the Army.

movement away from the ecclesiology of the Second Vatican Council". At the same time it "seems to demonstrate a lack of consideration for all those who, at great personal cost, and with great difficulty, did in fact accept the liturgical reform and who, in time, wholeheartedly embraced the desires of the council..." These bishops called on the Pope to issue a "strong statement reaffirming the work of all those engaged in littragi-cal renewal according to the principles of Vatican II". On this specific issue at least, the

"orphans of the council found voice to express their fears. Tomorrow: Papal power

Israeli jets attack Palestinian ZANU men beaten base in southern Lebanon to death

opposition party have been found beaten to death near the town of Masvingo, the Govern-

ment confirmed here yesterday.
Shangwa Mangwengwe, the party's national organizing secretary, and James Magura. the party's national youth advisor, were found with their arms broken and multiple injuries on November 15, border areas. according to a police report. They had gone to the area to seek the release of party members detained by police.

Township death

Johannesburg - A boy aged seven was killed and a youth shooting incidents on Monday in the African township of Sharpeville. 40 miles south of here, police said yesterday.

Slick kills birds

Goerley, Denmark (Reuter) -Hundreds of sea birds have been killed by a three-mile oil slick off the west coast of Zealand, the worst oil pollution in Danish waters for five years.

\$1bn drug haul

Yucca, Arizona (AFP) - Four men were charged with pos-session of 1.500lb of high-grade Peruvian cocaine worth an estimated \$1bn, the largest haul in Arizona's history.

Hijackers granted asylum in Ethiopia

From Charles Harrison

Dissident Somalis, who hijacked a Somali Airlines Boeing 707 soon after it left Mogadishu last Saturday on a flight to Jiddah, gave them-selves up at Addis Ababa airport yesterday and accepted an offer of political asylum in Ethiopia.

They had cartier threatened to blow up the aircraft, with more than 100 passengers still on board, if the Somali Government did not pardon seven young Somalis awaiting execution for consorting with the underground Somali the underground Somali National Movement, and free 13 political detainers, including several former ministers.

The three Somali Army officers, led by Captain Adan Durham, who staged the hijack had guns and explosives on the plane. They were joined by two other Somalis who were among the passengers, but it was not clear whether those two knew of the hijack plan before it took effect.

Somalia had refused to consider the demands of the hijackers, and said it would hold Ethiopia responsible for any harm done to the hostages or the plane. It condemned the demands of the hijackers as blackmail.

However, intense political consultations, with the Italian Government providing a link between Addis Ababa and Mogadishu, produced a better atmosphere after the hijackers had postponed their deadlines several times. There are no diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and Somalia, which are intensely hostile to each other.

The Key point which re-solved the crisis was apparently a Somali undertaking not to execute the seven youths. Assurances to that effect were given to the Italian Ambassador in Mogadishu, who relayed them to Addis Ababa.

Women and children were allowed to leave the aircraft soon after it landed at Addis Ababa on Saturday. Th pilot and copilot, and a security guard who was wounded when the hijack took place, were also allowed to leave.

But the remaining 103 passengers, including two Italians and an Aerican, were held in considerable discomfort, although food, water and medicines were supplied by the Ethiopian authorities.

Diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and Somalia were Harare (AFP) - Two leading of the ZANU Mwenje heen those heen troops moved into the conficient of the complete the conficient of the confi broken off in 1977 when Somali demanding secession to Soma-

> Somalia withdrew its forces in 1978, after suffering a heavy defeat at the hands of Ethiopian troops backed by Cuban forces. Fighting on the border broke out again last year after dissident Somali groups, backed by Ethopian troops, seized two

Border shooting delays Korean economic talks

From David Watts Tokyo

Friday's shooting on the border between the two Koreas has delayed the next contact between North and South. North Korea vesterday post-poned talks on economic cooperation which were to have been held next week and proposed a date in the new year.

North Korea's deputy Minister of Trade, Mr Li Sung Rok, used the North-South telephone hotline to tell his Southern counterpart, Mr Kim Ki Hwan, of the decision.

Pyongyang is demanding the return of a defector, and yesterday hinted that the South should make some concession as a prelude to the talks taking place next year.

questioning by the Nigerian Security Organization immedi-

ately after the article appeared.

He was released but called in again on November 16 and has

Two journalists from another

respected Nigerian newspaper,

the Guardian, are serving a

year's imprisonment imposed under the Draconian Decree No

Nigerian editor detained

The editor was called in for

Omeruah, because he had alleged that the whole Nigerian press had a "bring-down-thegovernment syndrome". In a letter to Concord, the

Information Ministry objects to the tone of the editor's comments, saying they were "fack-ing refinement". The article was said to be too personal, the minister's name being men-

The phrase that the minister had a "neurotic obsession with his anti-press posture" caused

By Kenneth Mackenzie

tioned 19 times.

for criticizing minister

The editor of a leading Nigerian newspaper, the National Concard, has been held in detention for the past 13 days because of an article criticizing the Ministry of Information.

This is the latest of several incidents showing growing tension between the press and the

sovernment of General Muhammadu Buhari, which cized power on December 31.

The editor, Mr Duro Onabule, in a personal column published on November 9, criticized the Minister of Information, Group Captain Emeka

This makes it an offence to publish an untrue statement about an official or a statement that brings an official into contempt. Since shortly after the coup, prominent press commentators,

Mr Tai Solarin and Mr Haroun Adamu, have been in detention without charge. The Government is also

exerting pressure on newspapers by not allowing them foreign exchange to buy newsprint.
Government-owned and government-supporting newspapers have generous allocations, but privately-owned newspapers are forced to produce smaller papers than normal and restrict circulation.

Decision awaited Formula for contacts with East

By Henry Stanhope Dip!omatic Correspondent

Two former prime ministers, Mr Edward Heath and Mr James Callaghan, yesterday backed a new international plan for a more constructive, lasting relationship between East and

Flanked by Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the Social Democratic Party, Mr Elliot Richardson, a former United States Defence Secretary, and the historian Lord Bullock, they appeared as cosignatories of an Aspen Institute Group statement. copies of which have been sent to President Reagan, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Sir Gooffrey Husve and the Soviet ambassadors in London and Washing-

One of its proposals is for a strategic panel of top Soviet and American delegates to oversee

Another suggestion is for a series of crisis control centres to provide instant communication between the nuclear powers in order to forestall nuclear war.
Other policies endorsed by the study include a declaration on the "no early use" of nuclear wcapons, multilateral arms

control, an early start to talks to prevent Star Wars and the improvement of Nato's conventional forces to raise the nuclear threshold. But as Mr Callaghan pointed out in chairing yesterday's press conference, the purpose of the Aspen report is to seek a more stable relationship with the Russians across the entire spectrum of political, economic,

commercial and educational its timing was significant too, he said, coming as it did just before the Geneva meeting between Mr George Shultz the US Secretary of State, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to initiate a new era in arms control.

Few reports can have had a more illustrious list of backers. Other former world leaders among the signatories - who have also held press conferences in New York, Tokyo, Rome and Bonn - include Herr Helmut Schmidt of West Germany, Mr Pierre Trudeau of Canada and a rich selection of world figures including Mr Robert MacNamara, Mr Cyrus Vance and Sir Nicholas Henderson, British Amoassador to Washington during the Faiklands war.

government.



after denial Bonn refuses to accept

After weeks of argument, the Bonn Cabinet yesterday decided not to sign the Law of the Sea Convention because it is seen as being against West German economic interests. The West German government said it would not oppose approval of the convention by the European

West Germany joins Britain and the United States in opposing the contentious international treaty, which is in-tended to regulate exploitation of the sea's resources and seabed mining. Six community countries have signed, and a total of 138 states have given

their approval, many more than

Unity call

by widow

of Aquino

More than 8,000 people sang "Happy Birthday" and carried food parcels for the poor and for political prisoners to a rally

yesterday marking what would have been the fifty-second birthday of Benigno Aquino,

the opposition leader killed 15 months ago.

Mrs Corazon Aquino, widow of the former senator, said

opposition unity was more crucial than ever before, be-cause of reports that the health of President Marcos was

A single and acceptable

opposition candidate was

needed to stand for election against Mr Marcos or whoever

the ruling party chose, Mrs

She told reporters that Mr Marcos, aged 67, may not live to fulfil his pledge to run for another six-year term in presi-dential elections in 1987. Mr

Marcos, who has not been seen in public for 13 days, was ramoured to have undergone a

rumoured to have undergone a kidney or heart operation. But his physician said the President was being treated for "early signs" of influenza.

Aquino was commonly regarded as the man most likely

to succeed Mr Marcos before

he was assassinated in August

last year moments after he

arrived bome to head the

opposition campaing in parlia-

He had spent three years in

mentary elections.

self-imposed exile

Aquino told the crowd.

sea resources treaty From Michael Binyon, Bonn

next month. The issue became a point of conflict between Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, who was in favour of signing, and his Cabinet colleagues

businesswoman, Ms Glen-

the 60 needed for ratification

The three coalition parties argued long over the matter, with the chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, beitn pressed by Christian Democrats to take a hard line against curbs on seabed mining and the compulsory sharing of seabed tech-nology with Third World countries. Herr Genscher argued that only after signing would Bonn be in a position to

improve the convention terms.

From Robert Fisk Israelis is positioned in the on the second day of the ror the tirst time stace

coalition government of Mr Shimon Peres took office in Israel, Israeli jets launched an air raid into Lebanon yesterday, with a brief but apparently effective strike against a Palestinian guerrilla base just behind the Syrian front lines in the Bekaa valley.

Up to six F15 and F16

fighter-bombers strafed and rocketed an area near the village of Qab Elias, where the Marxist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine has a base. At least seven men, including five guerrillas and two civilians, were killed. Eleven people, all reported to

be guerrillas, were wounded in the raid, and witnesses spoke of fires raging around Qab Elias. They also said that Syrian antiaircraft guns opened up on the Israeli jets, an event later confirmed by the Syrian Army command in Damascus, which claimed that its gunfire had "driven the planes southwards" In fact, the Syrian artillery that regularly fires on the

Metn hills cast of Beirut, above Government's security plan, which Israeli jets alwasy fly in a which is eventually intended to narrow corridor towards the Bekaa. Lebanese authorities assume

that the air raid was in reprisal for the two Katyusha rockets that landed inside Israel on Monday after being fired from Israeli-occupied southern Lcbanon. The prevention of such attacks on Galilee was the stated reason for the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982, an assault that has now cost the lives of 603 Israelis.

ha southern Lebanon yesterday two Palestinians were murdered, allegedly for collabo-rating with Israeli occupation authorities, while on the coastal highway south of Beirut a French soldier of the United Nations force in Lebanon was wounded by unidentified gun-

He was travelling with four colleagues in a white UN Jeep.

which was flying the UN flag. In west Beirut, meanwhile, Lebanese troops of the largely Shia Muslim Sixth Brigade

of Beirut it is the Christians continued to patrol the streets who need guarantees. Uruguay's President-elect

Difficult transition period will test political skills

From Douglas Tweedale, Montevideo Observers agree that a "government of national unity". Señor Julio Maria Sanguinetor at least some kind of

ti, whose centre-right Colorado Party comfortably won Sun-day's election in Uruguay, is regarded by Western diplomats and wide cross-section of local observers as the man best qualified to lead the country through the difficult period of economic crisis and political turnoil which lies ahead.

collector, Señor Sanguinetti will have his considerable political skills tested during the transition from military to civilian rule. Campaigning under the slogan "A Change in Peace", Señor Sanguinetti persuaded voters to accept his view that it will take responsible leadership to consolidate the fledging democracy that is to be inaugurated, next March Although Senor Sanguinetti

Although Señor Sanguinetti won a convincing personal victory, he will have to face a parliament divided into at least three factions. And while nearly 40 per cent of voters supported the Colorado Party's moderate approach, a significant number cast their ballots for the Blanco Party candidate, Señor Alberto Zumaran, or the Seitor Alberto Zumaran, or the third-placed Frente Amplio (Broad Front) representative, Dr Juan José Crottogini. Both the Blancos and the Frente Amplio advocated more confrontational attitudes to the departing militing than Señor Sanguinetti.

A 48-year old lawyer who is an avid football fan and an art

Rallying point: Corazon Aquino, widow of the murdered

opposition leader, addressing yesterday's meeting. Quebec party loses again

The beleaguered Parti Québécois Government of Quebec has lost another by-election, its twenty-second successive defeat since it first won power eight

in the past week over a position taken by Mr René Levesque, Quebec's Premier, that his party should shelve the independence years ago
Monday's convincing victory
of the Liberal candidate, Mr
Jean-Francios Viau, over Mr
Jean-Francios Viau, over Mr
Jean-Francios Viau, over Mr
Jacques with 48 per cent of the vote against 41 per cent for the issue in the provincial election

From John Best, Ottawa Five ministers have resigned

André Boulerice was in the vote against 41 per cent for the Montreal riding of St Jacques. ruling party.

their pets, or pets their owners or do they meet in some amorphous kingdom, a fifth dimension of amity known only to those who live with animals? This was one of the few questions not answered by Good Companions (Thames), which provided an otherwise exhaustive account of those tame animals which offer comfort, relaxation, amusement or companionship.

longest-running

into its eleventh year.

eographer-director

other and more experienced

film directors such as Mike

Nichols and Sidney Lumet

considered ways that the show

could be "opened up" for the

screen, until eventually it was

decided that Chorus Line

should be filmed in the place

where it was set and about which it was written - a

approached Attenborough, hot

from the Gandhi Oscars, a man who had of course started out in

the theatre and whose first film

as director had been the musical

Oh What a Lovely War! As he

sat in the stalls of the Mark

Hellinger this month watching

the dancers line up for yet

another of the auditions that are

at the heart of Chorus Line. I

about whether so quintessen-

Broadway theatre.

At that point

The last is perhaps the strongest, since pets often become the assuagers of human loneliness - to quote from Thomas Haynes Bayly: "Something to love, oh, something to love." And I suspect that they offer, too, an idealized version of qualities, like loyalty, and emotions, like affection, which seem so difficult or complicated in the human world - when that is, they are present at all.

But it was suggested that pets represent even more than this, since they have become the image of a symbolic relationship in which mammal (human) reaches out to mammal across the great divide which normally separates us from the natural world. Certainly there seems to be an elective affinity between certain humans and animals, although Jilly Cooper was perhaps going a little far when she expained that, "Men who don't like animals aren't very good in bed." Better this, though, than that pets should be treated as aspects of human than a dog, for example, being paraded as a "status symbol".

This was a comprehensive if slightly conventional programme, which told you all you needed to know - and more about the local dog or cat, But perhaps the best definition of the subject came from a vet who described pets as "not quite animal and not quite human" an ostensibly uncomfortable state, but one which has obviously been of great benefit to both parties.

After auditioning 3,000 hopefuls, 17 lead performers were chosen by Sir Richard Attenborough for the film

of A Chorus Line, now being shot on Broadway, where it all began. Report by Sheridan Morley

An innocent let loose on Broadway



Sir Richard Attenborough: "When I'm demonstrating a scene . . . the kindest thing the unit does is not to howl with laughter

proving its worth and integrity over a decade. But that very fact determined us to keep it almost totally within the walls of a theatre: we use a few flashbacks but even in those the sound that you hear is the sound of the theatre as the auditions are going on. To crode that pressure-cooker feeling would have been dotty; the atmosphere and the continuing dynamic of people under pressure, trying to get a job in a show, has to be maintained. The idea of going out into open fields in Texas just because one of the kids in the show had been a drum major would have lost us all the excitement of what happens actually in the theatre

"Then people said to me,

okay, if you're not going to tially theatrical a subject could broaden it, what can the cinema be made to work on film. "Yes, of course there are do for Chorus Line? and the doubts, especially when the answer is of course the close-up: show is playing just across the sitting way back in the stalls you Peter Ackroyd block and we're tampering with never get to see the look in these something which has been kids eyes as they succed or fail.

We can get close, and the kids on the Donald Woods book kinds, from jazz to ballet; then don't have to do imitations of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to be heard at the back of the gallery. We can show the beads of sweat, the trembling lips, the fear as well as the joy, of getting the job. That's what Chorus Line is about, in the end: it's about unemployment. Doesn't matter that they happen to be dancers; they could be experts trying to survive in any profession during a recession."

But this, surely, is a chor-eographer's rather than a director's film? "Yes, for the first twelve minutes that's true, Then we go into the basic storyline, however, and that's where my work starts and goes through right to the finale. Out of two hours, less than a quarter is actual dance; the rest is story after story about the dancers."

For Attenborough, this is a welcome return to the showbusiness he has always loved: "If you do a picture about Gandhi, or the one I'm doing next based about Steve Biko. "it's not enough just to make a good You have a massive political and journalistic responsibility, as well as the social awareness that; if Gandhi had been a disaster, nobody would have bothered to look at that subject again for maybe thirty vears in the cinema. So you carry a terrible other burden. the burden of getting it right historically as well as artistically. In between those two major projects, the joy of getting back to something like this, which is really just about 17

to adopt, is tremendous." So how did he set about finding the right 17, few of familiar, though one happens to be the daughter of Gwen Verdon and Bob Fosse while the star is Kirk Douglas's son

divine kids, all of whom I'd like

We first of all auditioned

trosimone's play is pure night-mare. Early morning in a New

Jersey farmhouse. A girl puts

her attacker, even if he is jailed.

she will always go in dread of

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into his eyes.

we took the best seven hundred of those, sent them to classes and re-auditioned them in groups of 12 once they'd learnt the routines. Then we film-tested 60 and out of those we got our 17, three of whom had played the show either Broadway or on the road. But we could never have gone back to the original cast, most of whom now are well into their thirties. We were looking for teenagers, and we found one who runs a little dance academy in San Francisco and had never seen a camera in her life: There are also two new Marvin Hamlisch numbers, and of course the screenplay reflects the Eighties rather than the

Seventies, with unemployment now very much more of a fear than it was when the show first opened. I've never worked on Broadway, and I didn't know much about the dance world, although in Lovely War we also three thousand dancers of all of course had a small group of

players, the Smith family, who went right through the film as a team rather like this one. But one of my very first jobs was in the back row of a musical at the Arts in the 1940s and I've always loved them: there's an simply don't find anywhere else. You know what a ham I am: like all actors I'm convinced that when I'm demonkov, and, when this short, fat, balding sixty-year-old twit floats across the stage, the kindest thing the unit does is not to how with laughter. But it's precisely because I'm such an outsider that I can see it clearly: when Len Deighton was choos-ing a director for Lovely War he said he wanted either somebody who knew everything about musicals or somebody who knew nothing, and in the end he chose me because I knew nothing. There's a lot to be said for innocence, even on Broad-

Concerts Philharmonia/ Sinopoli

Festival Hall

Some of Giuseppe Sinopoli's, concerts with the Philharmonia have made one wonder why he should have programmed music to which he seemed so little suited, but Monday evening was different. This was a fraughtuncomfortable and even at times deliberately unlovely performance of Mahler's Sec. ond Symphony, but it was cogently presented and magnificently played. Possibly Mr.: Sinopoli's career as a composer, or ex-composer, had something. to do with it, since Mabler seems to have had something special to say to all succeeding creator-conductors, from Bernstein to Boulez, and from Webern to Klemperer, But though it may be a little early to be putting Mr Sinopoli in that company, there can be no doubtof his conviction in putting forward a view of the "Resur-rection" Symphony that was, quite simply, Resurrectionless,

In retrospect, this was intimated from the first. What spoke loudest in the opening, movement were the pas where the music suddenly finds. itself without any avenues or escape: the moments where the song of the strings is killed by march rhythm, and most of all, of course, the repeated dissonances at the climax here brutally hammered. By taking Mahler's markings to the edge of the absurd exaggeration, Mr. Sinopoli gave a strong profile to everything that is barbaric and nihilistic in this movement, and flow was the thinnest vencer.

It was still a surprise that the second movement should have been so much more grey than graceful, and an even greater shock when the alto song was utterly drained of warmth. Strings and brass played with the minimum of vibrate and the maximum of detachment warm, enfolding support to the soloist but rather a lunar landscape across which she was obliged to tread. This was a bit hard on Brigitte Fassbaender, who could not sound radiant without ruining the effect, but who had this marvellous music in front of her. The sense of straining after hough, was not inappropriate. Lucia Popp did not have to make so many concessions in the finale, and soared gloriously, now joined by a Miss/ Fassbaender released from captivity. There was here no conflict with Mr Sinopoli's unshakably pessimistic approach, because he showed no sign whatsoever of being on the way towards some vision of heaven. The Philharmonia Chorus were kept quiet, their words often barely more than a hum, until this meandering finale just happened upon golden E flat major. Then there was noise and splendour indeed, but Mr Sinopoli had made sure we knew it was only an artificial paradise.

Paul Griffiths

Songmakers'

Wigmore Hall Such the tenor n an told When he had grown old '; and such, in the words of Hardy, Auden, Michelangelo, and the notes of Purcell, Britten, Schubert, was the theme of homage paid on Monday night by the Songmak-

ers' Almanac to Sir Peter Pears. The nature of Sir Peter's artistry has, of course, directly, indirectly and profoundly nurtured the musico-literary work of the Almanac themselves. Connexions and resonances proliferated as the history of song and its performance in England was revealed in the biographical thread running through the programme. In a reference to John Ireland, for instance, and in Richard Jackson's fine performance of his "My true love hath my heart", we were reminded of the state of English song as Britten found it. Auden, said Sir Peter (now on the platform, chatting to Graham Johnson), opened the doors for Britten; and we heard Now the Great Bear and Pleiades" from Peter Grimes, sung with extraordinary ex-

pressive breadth by Anthony Rolfe Johnson. It was Mr Rolfe Johnson,

time for the overt public articulation and reception of heartfelt grautude, and for envoi. Graham Johnson lifted things just clear of embarrassment - but enough had been said in the music alone. After the Phaedrus monologue from Death in Venice ("the work nearest to me and which brings me nearest to Ben"), Sir Peter recited over Graham Johnson's piano accompaniment the text of Schubert's "Farewell to the

Pop music

asked him if he had any doubts during these two hours.

Alison Moyet Dominion

When the clamour surrounding 1984's big brothers of pop has taken, the smart money suggests that two of the year's bestsciling discs will be by Sade and Alison Moyet, artists who have concentrated on vocal entertainment rather than image

Ms Moyet - Alf to her friends

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hits and a sell-out tour, and backing singers trio. Such a culminating in three nights at set up did wonders for the culminating in three nights at the Dominion. It is easy to find reasons for Alf's popularity. Her unpretentious personality is allied to a vocal prowess which is enhanced by her considerable soulful range. Yet despite the rapport she finds with her fans the current show veers towards

safety when it should be inspired. **RE-CYCLED LOVERS-**

- has enjoyed a good year. Since parting amicably from Vince Clarke and their band Yazoo, the traditional R & B or disco the traditional R & B or disco excitement occurred when the singer injected some James her solo career has spawned two lines of four piece plus horns singer injected some James Eurythmics' live set and ought to have benefited Alf's larger- Hike". than-life presence. Encores of Yazoo's excellent

> But to say these musicians lacked flair would be an understatement; they dragged themselves along with the elegance of a session group playing by rote, forgetting niceties of dynamics and ten-sion. When Alf assumed a solo spotlight for Billie Holiday's emotionally charged "That Old Devil Called Love" their shortcomings were thrown into perspective. By contrast the hits, "Love Resurrection" and

Brown funk into "Situation" and offered a sparkling version of Marvin Gaye's

"Only You" and "Don't Go" emphasized a yearning for their original settings; Paul Ellis, the keyboards player, tried gamely but was no match for Vince Clarke's understanding of the songs' nuances. It may seem churlish to expect an artist to aspire to something now past but I left feeling strangely dissatisfied and wondering what's it all about, Alf?

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allows the party to sit around discussing what to do next. Once the frenzied energy subsides into schematized debate between the homicidal Marjorie and her companions - one a welfare-worker, the other a down her coffee to go out and former rape victim - the play deal with a wasp. A man walks also sits down and leaves you in, knowing she is alone, and slams her into submission on feeling that you, too, have just been violated

the floor, at which point she Nothing is easier than to raise grabs the wasp spray and fires an audience's heartbeat with the sight of brutality, particularly if Having aroused your maximum detestation for the rapist, it satisfies the appetite for revenge. Mr Mastrosimone is the play then goes into reverse well up to performing that and lests your sympathy for the victim who chains him up in simple task. But the real ugliness of the piece begins after the opening brutalities are over, when Mr Mastrosimone expects the fireplace, beats him, tortures him with lighted matches and douses him with petrol, threatyou to pay attention to chunks of legal and humanitarian argument while the battered rapist lies moaning in the ening to burn him alive and bury him in the garden. When her two friends return from fireplace slowly going blind. work, she has a cast-iron case for murder. As there is no mark Whenever he does speak, it is on her body, a court may acquit

to lie, threaten, or otherwise inject the audience with a new shot of their original hatred.
This might work if his captors. The logic is unanswerable, but we are still less than half way through, and instead of were animated by any passion or sense of purposeful direction. But all they can do is check the implacable Marjorie with feebe, time-wasting protests which, in the circumstances, betray an astounding authorial insensiti-vity. Not only do all the arguments nose-dive but Mr Mastrosimone attempts a little light satire on the ineffectuality of social workers and the habit of girls to gossip in parking loss.

As Helen Mirren playes her, moodily nursing a claw hammer as she sits guard over her prey. bullying her friends into sub-mission and cheerfully ramming a hunting knife into her (now sightless) enemy's genitals n a replay of the opening rape dialogue, Marjorie has landed a role she has been longing to play all her life. Kevin McNally dispatches the rapist with

Irving Wardle

Orphée

fashionable young woman, her poet husband who sits in front of her because he is not allowed to look at her tall right, that gives the game away), and their guardian angel courteously sipping his red wine in the guise of a glazier who comes daily to mend their broken windows. Jean Cocteau's play on the legend of Orpheus and Eurydice wears its irreverence like a green carnation

The Floorboards Theatre Company play Orphée with a grave delicacy which is impress-ive and, even if it stifles the knowing or silly laughter Cocteau meant to raise, also kills the giggles he did not want. As a brief prelude, members

of the company (mostly the small parts) recite, not always very convincingly, a devised combination of biographical material tackle extracts and pieces from the Plain-Chant poems inspired by Cocteau's relationship with Raymond Radiguet, who died soon afterwards. This love poetry, such an odd mixture of graphic tenderness and self-conscious imagery, prefigures Orphee's obsession with death, the Muses, the poet's severed head, even the horse.

But, even by such association, the play does not generate enough poetic power to make for its impression of datedness and rootlessness, once severed from its original context

Carl Wildman's translation is neat and graceful, and particularly Chris Thomas (Orpheus) and Ben Bazell (the angel) have the soft poetic touch that stills mockery for the moment. And Sally Mortmore, correctly atwithout emotion.

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tired in a vivid pink evening perhaps more than anyone, who athletic sadism and gibbering gown, unnervingly imperson-exclamations of Roman Cath-olic terror, to which Robert unsuspected and dons rubber Allan Ackerman's production gloves to cut the thread of life focused attention on the qualities at the heart of Britten's work as creator and Pears's attributes as recreator: that of adds an amplified wasp buzz. the regeneration of word in music. His rapt rendering of **Anthony Masters** եկցըrint Britten's realization of Tom Bowling", no less than his part, with Sarah Walker, in Canticle II. "Abraham and Isaac", proved the strength and vitality of the continuation of the line. After the song years, the operas, the travel, came the tricky part of the evening. It was

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Power politics from the pulpit

The current debate in Britain Bishop of Johannesburg and his about how deeply the Church nomination for the Nobel Peace should become embroiled in poliheard in South Africa for many appointment as the first black

Prize which he will receive in Oslo tics - fuelled by the speeches of on December 10 has focussed the Bishop of Durham - has been attention on the role of the churches there. MICHAEL years. Bishop Desmond Tutu's HORNSBY reports from Johan-

t almost any point on the spectrum of the gradually sharpening struggle between Black nationalists and White nationalists in South Africa, from Bishop Desmond Tutu's "liberation theology" on the Black left to the dyed-in-the-wool apartheid of Dr Andries Treurnicht on the White right, a man of the cloth is as likely as not to be found at the heart of the fray, loudly claiming biblical sanction

for his cause.

In October, a few days after learning that he had been awarded the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, Bishop Tutu attended a service of thanksgiving at his local Anglican Church in Soweto, the sprawling African township outside Johannesburg. In a short address, he touched one of the most resonant chords of Black preaching the deliverance of the Jews.

"We know that you are the God of Exodus. We know you are the God of freedom. We know that you will lead us out of oppression and injustice God. We know that you will lead us out of our Egypt and into the promised land of your freedom," he cried, and the small stone church vibrated with the ecstatic "Amens" of his colourfully-garbed congregation.

For the last three centuries, the same biblical imagery has sustained the Afrikaner Whites from whose rule Bishop Tutu and other Blacks are asking to be freed. For the one, the history of the Jews is a promise that God is on the side of the oppressed, however unjust present circumstances may seem, and for the other, an equally certain assurance that the Volk (people) will survive to fulfil their God-ordained mission.

When Mr P. W. Botha. the State president, and other ministers in the almost exclusively Afrikaner Government complain, as they regularly do, that Bishop Tutu and other turbulent priests are "meddling in politics", they are denying, or perhaps con-veniently overlooking, much of their own history, and a tradition of intimate Church-State relations going back to the days of the early Boer

The first Dutch settlers to arrive at the Cape in the mid-17th century. came from a Holland that had been nourished on the stern doctrines of John Calvin, who taught his followers that they were a chosen people.

In 1857, the Cape Synod of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK), as the Dutch Reformed Church here is known, took a fateful step, deciding that, though neither desirable nor scriptural, services for Whites and Blacks should be held in ecture e buildings because of "the neakness of some" - that is, those Whites who would not take Communion with Blacks.

Segregated congregations became the rule, leading to separate "daugh-

Reformed

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ter" churches of the NGK: the Sendingkerk (Mission Church) for mixed-race Coloureds, founded in 1881; the NGK in Afrika, for Africans, and the Indian Reformed

When the National Party came to power in 1984 on a wave of Afrikaner nationalism, led by a former NGK Dominee (Minister), Dr D F Malan, the Church thus already provided the

model and rationale for apartheid.

Today, the Dutch Reformed family of churches commands the allegiance of nearly 50 per cent of the country's 4,600,000 Whites. Nearly two million Africans and Coloureds also share their faith (see table).

Although the social influence of the NGK has weakened over the last 30 years, as more and more Afrikaners have moved from the conservative countryside to the towns, it remains strong. Cinemas are still closed on Sundays, though films with explicit sex scenes are now generally only lightly censored. Magazines like Playboy and Penthouse, however, are banned. Gambling is illegal, and it is only in the last few years that sports events have been permitted on the

olitically, the monolithic identity of the NGK with the ruling National Party, which prevailed for three decades after 1948, was deeply fissured by the breakaway in early 1982 of a group of government MPs under Dr Treur-night, a Cabinet Minister and, like Dr Malan, a former Dominee, to form the extreme right-wing Conservative Party, which is bitterly opposed to the extension of the franchise (albeit on a segregated basis) to the Indian and coloured minorities under the newconstitution introduced this year. Many NGK clerics support the new

On the left, the NGK has always had its courageous rebels, like Dr Beyers Naude, who emerged last September from seven years as a "banned" person. Apart from being severely restricted in his movement, he could not be quoted or take part in any political or social activity.

He and some 30 other White priests have left the NGK and joined its African daughter-church, becoming outcasts in their own communities. The brave defiance of lone whites, however, has had much less impact on the NGK than the revolt within its Coloured daughter, the Sendingkerk. This Church's Assessor, its second highest official, is the youthful Dr Allan Boesak, now the best known Black clergyman after Bishop Tutu.

In August 1982, at a meeting in Ottawa, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, which embraces some 70 million Protestants of Presbyterian and Congregational Churches around the world, chose

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Preachers of politics: (top) Bishop Tutu; (left) white woman blessed by a black priest; (right) Dr Boesak; (above) Dr Naude

time as they renounce apartheid. In September of that year, Dr Boesak was instrumental in getting the Sendingkerk's synod to pronounce

apartheid a heresy.

These developments were probably behind the decision of the Western Cape Synod of the NGK in October of last year to reject apartheid "if in practice it means discrimination", to open church services in its region to all races, and to declare laws banning

marriage and sex across the colour line incompatible with Christian All the daughter churches have

him as its president, and also joined the multi-racial South African suspended the membership of the Council of Churches (SACC), which per cent of them black, in 18 denominations.

Under its general-secretary of the last six years, Bishop Tutu. who will give up the job when he becomes the first African Bishop of Johannesburg in January, the SACC has not only vigorously opposed apartheid but campaigned in support of foreign disinvestment and conscientious

objection to military service.

The Roman Catholic, Methodist and Anglican Churches are the biggest groups in the SACC. The Roman Catholics, who had some difficulty establishing themselves in South



Taking the plunge: beach baptisms

Africa and were for a long time politically cautious, took the lead in the 1970s in opening church schools to all races and now have the biggest African following. The Catholic Archbishop of Duley, faces trial next February for account to the most Revel Denis Hurley, faces trial next February for accusing the Army and Police of atrocities in Namibia.

Clergymen, both Black and White, have supported the recent troubles in Sharpeville and other townships along the River Vaal. Soon after the first outbreak of violence on September 3 they formed a "solidarity committee" to try to fill the vacuum left by the popular rejection of government-sponsored town councils. Several are now in jail for their pains, along with more than 200 trade unionists, teachers, students and others.

Millions of Blacks belong to some 3,700 independent African faiths, which mix modern Christian revivalism with traditional African ancestor worship, and have severed links with the missionary European churches.

Some of these sects promise justice only in the afterlife. Thus followers of the Nazarite Church in Natal worship a Black Messiah who guards the gates of Heaven and turns away Whites on the grounds that they "cannot rule

For vast numbers of Blacks and Whites, religion is an inseparable part of their lives. "One of the basic traditions of Calvinism is the lordship of Jesus Christ: this means that there is no area of life where Christians do not have a duty to establish His Lordship and to see that the demands of the Kingdom of Heaven are met," Dr Boesak says in response to the or Boesak says in response to the charge that he is a "political priest". No White "Dominee" would disagree with a syllable of that statement. When it comes to interpreting God's purpose, however, the disagreement is moreover... Miles Kington

The jokers in my pack of postcards

doubt is like a girl who drops a another letter. from Ben glove; in both cases, gallant Phillips, who runs the Naff members of the public rush Postcard of the Year Contest forward to help. Recently I with his friends. asked where all the good postcards were, and also what lot these days but which has the derivation of "gricer" was. seldom to my satisfaction been Quantities of noble readers defined, hovering as it does have rushed forward and I am between kitsch and grotty. But now a wiser man.

like the barn door in West Cork, the fish shop in Bideford, the six phone boxes in London. I was taken aback by the shot of the Portobello Road stall-holder, as I had bought some green peppers from the very same man the day before.

Mind's Eye, as this man has a sense of humour. His picture of Nelson's Column has no Nelson on top, only a huge pigeon. His picture of a London phone-box has a guardsman standing on duty outside it. And his picture of an astronaut on the moon shows him coming face to face with a Job Centre. Clever stuff

I also like the black and white, more arty postcards by Francis Glibbery. His portrait of all the gays outside the Coleherne pub in Earls Court would look wonderful blown up, while his picture of two glum girls on Earls Court tube station in front of a big glamour fashion poster says all there is to say about glum girls and glamour fashion posters. Mr Glibbery, by the way, says he sells his cards for 10p to retailers who then reprice them at 30p or more. Good old capitalism.

But the letter which first reminded me that there is more, or rather less, to postcards than quality came from Martin Karmel, a member of the Boring Postcard Club. He and his friends send each other cards from all over the world. trying to outbore each other. It all started, he says, with a view of "The Cricket Pavilion, Tring . Excellent! Other outstandingly boring cards have been "The Convalescent Home, Otley, Rear View", "The Tennis Courts at Cromer" and "A General View of Old Sodbury".

This had me scrabbling in my drawer of postcards for a series of Chinese Communist cards I once bought, including "A Bend in the Red Canal", but before I

journalist who expresses could find them I received

Now, naff is a word we hear a to help me Mr Phillips had Postcards, first. I have re- enclosed the top three entries ceived further shipments of this year both in the domestic these desirable objects, notably and international classes, The from Michael de las Casas who.
if I understand him rightly, runs
three lines of postcards. Namely
Real London, Real Ireland and
out immediately to the black Real Britain. All are excellent. I and white picture of Beacon Hill Road, Hindhead, as it. contained less of interest in it than any postcard I have ever

There was a lamp post. Therewas a pavement. There was what seemed to be a public loo, half hidden by an uninteresting I like the quirky postcards shrub. There was also a hole at produced by George Blair for the top, caused by one of Mr Phillips's drawing-pins, and I the most interesting thing on the card. But this seems to me to qualify for Mr Karmel's Southend card won the day for its garish colour, and its total lack of composition and above all the man wearing a knotted handkerchief in the foreground.

> Similarly the most boring one in the international section was undoubtedly the Danish card of the border at Rudbol. Picture if you can a grey road, some boring houses, and in the distance two cars, with policemen talking to their drivers. Add to that a girl in the road, blonde with very bad knees, and you have a very boring card. But for naffness I had to agree loving couple surrounded by hearts and roses took the cake. He had a red nose, a gross blue shirt and badly pruned sideburns. She had a red nose, eye shadow applied with a shovel, and, protruding arm-pit hair. Poor old Zagreb.

> But the best single card of all came from Margaret Evans of Spalding, It was an aerial view of Westminster, published by Thomas and Benacci, and printed in Italy. That probably explains why it has been printed the wrong way round, or reversed. Big Ben is on the left as you go on to the bridge, and on the other side the GLC is on the right, while the Surrey trains are coming into Waterloo from Kent. It is quite hypnotic.

And now I have not left myself with time for "gricer". Soon, I hope.

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The author of Adrian Mole tells how she created a best-seller Secret diary of Sue Townsend

Sue Townsend was nearly 30 when she finally plucked up the courage to confess the guilty secret that had dominated her life. "I've got something to tell you", she announced to be provided and a second to be a something to the conference of the co boylriend, Colin, one evening, "I think I'm a writer." For 15 years she had been

scribbling away in secret, writing poems, plays, short stories, hiding them in a dozen different places, never revealing the ghastly truth to her parents, sisters, ex-husband, children or friends, "I really had an awful fear of showing anybody what I'd written. "I didn't know if I was any good."

For more than a year she has been in the best-seller lists with the soul-searching monologues of a pretentious little prig (her description) named Adrian Mole. It would be hard to imagine a more unlikely literary hero than this lugubrious schoolboy whose life revolves around his acne, his faithless parents and his undying love for his socially superior comprehensive school girlfriend, Pandora Braithwaite.

Yet The Secret Dairy of Adrian Mole aged 1334 has sold 80,000 copies in hard cover and almost a million and a quarter in paperback. It is still in the best-seiler lists after 52 weeks -21 of those at number one. Its sequel, The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole, went straight to the top of the hardback lists one week after publication and is now at number two having sold more than 300,000 copies in just over three months.

Adrian is set to make his West End debut (from Decem-ber 12) bringing to life his adolescent hang-ups in a semimusical of his secret diary that Sue has adapted for the stage. When the show played in her hometown of Leicester recently, every seat for the nine-week run was sold out within two days

and there were terrible scenes

outside the theatre with people

trying to light their way in. In



London. Wyndham's Theatre kids regarded me a bit like they

took £12,000 in advance bookings in the first 48 hours. Suc. a whimsical 38, has spent a lifetime watching and

listening, "Even as a child I always had the sense that life was rolling on and I was observing it but not actually taking part." She grew up with two younger sisters. Her parents, both bus conductors -"but clever enough to have been anything under different circumstances" - were avid

Sue became addicted to books too and when she left school, just before her 15th birthday, she took jobs that allowed her to sit and read - in a dress shop, on a garage forecourt and in a hot-dog van. She was 18 when she met the

man she was to marry. Three children later, they were divorced. She then moved into a council house and took three part-time jobs - working with old people during the day, in a youth club in the evenings and as a waitress at weekends. It was at the youth club that she discovered the inspiration, for

"I was there so long that the

regarded the ping-pong table", she says. "They used to speak quite frankly to each other, always in cliches."

Despite strong pressure from her public and publisher, she has decided to leave the highlylucrative Mole books alone for eight years because she wanted to do other things. In the meantime, she is

working on the stage version in which 16-year-old Simon Schatzburger plays Adrian. Suc picked him out immediately. "He was the only one out of 200 boys who wasn't chirpy and who had an air of mystery about him". She is also writing a sixpart series about Mole for Thames Television. Sue Townsend finds it diffi-

cult to come to terms with being rich and famous. She and Colin now live in an old vicarage on the outskirts of Leicester with their seven-year-old daughter and Sue's three other children who are 19, 16 and 14. With her first royalty cheque 18 months ago she bought an eight-seater Citroen, but has not yet found the time to learn to drive

Sally Brompton

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

The family fights back



Jeannette Kupfermann reveals myths about divorce and discovers that, in spite of the growing pressures, the family unit remains just as strong

Whenever a marriage breaks up and children are involved the first thing the deserting husband or wife worries about is how the children will be affected. Yet research seems to suggest that only a few children show obvious signs of disturbance. Perhaps the greater and more obvious con-cern is shown by the stepparents inany "new" family.

A large survey in the United States estimated that as many as one in six children aged under 18 lived in stepfamilies, and that one in five children born in 1980 could expect to witness their parents' divorce before they were 16. If the remarriage rate remains steady. Britain will soon match America

A study of stepchildren in Britain, carried out by the National Children's Bureau and published this year, showed that 38 per cent of children with steplathers and 33 per cent of those with stepmothers lived in nomes where there were four or more under 21s, compared with 25 per cent living with both natural parents.

The economic facts about stepfamilies are not clear-cut. feels, They are less likely than oneparent families to be in a very ow income bracket, which supported the theory that in their mother in the States: "I very income group remarriage telps reverse the financial loss.

A recent study showed remarriage as the most effective resentment, too, that he can't way for single parents to recover heir economic position, but other studies have found that he standard of living of emarried families was someimes considerably lower than hat enjoyed before divorce, specially when maintenance vas being paid.

It is in middle-class stepfamiies that money problems seem o be perceived as greater. specially when there is a temprary drop in standards of iving after separation and furing the initial reconstitution of a steplamily. Middle-class nen make every effort to estore the standard.

Bob. a 51-year-old television firector, who had lived in and often becomes guilt-laden. with his

first wife and three children, felt channel for the obliged to take on extra, less desirable, commercial work to support his second wife and young baby. He did not want his second wife to work, although the first wife he was still supporting. had worked part-time.

The deterioration of living standards is felt to be an additional failure, intensifying the pressures on the man in the upper-income bracket supportng two households.
The stepfamily's greatest

problems seem to be in the roles and relationships which are influenced not only by the divorce that preceded the formation of the family and the children's and parents' widely differing perceptions of it, but also by society's expectations of what it sees as "normal".

The problems of the stepparent living away from the children will be different from those living with the children, and those living away can sometimes feel guilty. Pat Irons, a 31-year-old secretary, expressed this often ambiguous way the living-away stepparent

She is married to an American, whose two children by his first marriage remained with sometimes feel guilty that he's not with them - they're lovely kids. On the other hand, I feel put them entirely behind him." Access is, of course, import-

ant to the non-custodial parent and is the only way to maintain children and both parents, but the visits can be difficult. Custodial parents are criti-

cized, and grievances aired, or alternatively the child is "bribed" with gifts and treats. The child can become an instrument for each parent to prove he or she is the better one, that the other parent's care all the child's unhanginess. The

attitude towards both Access can also open up the

manipulate the parents. Ruth Inglis writes in a recent book: nine-year-old boy visited his father on weekends and told him stories about the harsh treatment he was receiving from his mother. When he returned home to his mother, he told her about the idyllic existence of his father, leading her to believe that her son was being over

indulged by his father.

"The parents developed exaggerated pictures ... Each parent filed action in court complaining about the adverse influence of the other. When they were brought together and had an opportunity to obtain a more realistic picture of their son's role in exaggerating their concern, they dropped their complaints and established regular contact to discuss plans for their They had previously decided to avoid direct conversation. In effect, their son was trying to bring them together in

the only way available to him." The national study set out to there more deviance, poorer health, poorer examination

'Stepparents find that problems are worse with teenagers'

results and lower aspirations among stepchildren? There were adverse findings - but not a relationship between the as many as one might imagine and most were associated with stepfather rather than stepmother families.

In stepfather families 19 per cent of boys had been taken to court at some time compared with eight per cent of those with natural parents; 20 per cent of boys from stepfamilies had dealings with the police or is inadequate and the cause of probation officers as opposed to nine per cent from unbroken child inevitably tries to main-homes. Boys with stepmothers tain a mutually exclusive were not likely to have had oarents, more police, but those living only with their mother did.



The girls fared worst in stepmother families. Four times as many were likely to have dealings with the police than girls from unbroken homes.

As for school attendance, children in stepfather families like those with lone mothers were poorer attenders than their counterparts in unbroken families. Surprisingly, both boys and test some old assumptions. Was girls in stepmother families contained the largest proportion of very good attenders - 95 to

Similarly, the study did not reveal any startling differences in health between stepchildren and those in other family variations. However, the differences that did emerge reinforce the pattern for adverse findings to be associated with the stepfather rather than the stepmother - boys with stepfathers tended to suffer disproportionately from upper respiratory infections, headaches and emotional problems.

The good news was that the adverse findings related every time to a minority and the great majority claimed to enjoy good relations with their stepparents.

One wonders if the negative features associated with step-families might not become a self-fulfilling prophecy, and if it is not time to break the cycle by recognizing that stepfamilies have problems, but not to the that many of them are of our

myth entirely that divorce has the inherent power to make people unhappy and produce social disruption, but it does Helen James, who married an indicate that it is not necessarily

For example, it was shown that most stepchildren's attitudes and aspirations for their own future marriage and family did not differ significantly from those of children unbroken homes.

This confirms that we are holding on to unchanged of marriage and the despite considerable change. Society's ambivalence towards the breaking and remaking of families does not help. There is a total absence of relationships. The 1975 Children Act

embodies the discouragement of stepparent adoption and aims to avoid severing links between children and half their biological family.

But it provides no guidelines for the new "social" family. The role of stepparents is given no formal definition.

Stepparents will find, like natural parents, that the problems are worse if they are dealing with teenagers. One of the big events in a marriage is marriage but it also brings

difficulties even if the firstfamily children live with the new family or not.

accountant with two teenaged children and now has a threeyear-old daughter of her own. explains: "It is rather sad when the other two come to lunch to see just how much Ann wants to be like them. She talks about them nearly every day and tries to emulate them.

The 16-year-old boy is polite but gives little in return. The 12-year-old, clearly upset that she is no longer Daddy's little girl, is obviously jealous. Her behaviour sometimes causes problems between me and my husband, who is naturally reluctant to concede that his daughter is behaving badly." Mrs James found almost

instant help when purely by chance she was able to talk alone to the children's stepfather. His experiences with the daughter were exactly the same. Perhaps both families were facing the problems of teenagers, not stepparenthood.

Statistics are not available but it seems that second marriages are as likely to fail as the first. The second marriage has the advantage of at least one partner's experience of failure. He or she will hope to avoid the same mistakes again. Perhaps often helps to cement the expects too much of everybody

Cracking the nut case

Some greengrocers don't care for the customer who picks a nut from the display and opens it with a sharp crack of heel against pavement or food hall floor. It requires skill if you are wearing high or soft rubber heels and those lacking the knack or the nerve are unlikely to have taken a pair of auterackers out shopping.

Sweet as a nut, the saying goes, but can you be sure? The quality of nuts is every bit as important as the quality of any other ingredients. Freshness matters because the oil in old or badly stored nots can turn rancid. Pine kernels are particu-larly vulnerable, not cheap, and I will not buy them now without tasting one first.
As with other fruits, the

varieties planted and the grow-ing conditions matter too, but of us have much expertise in picking winners. Size and shape are seldom a guide to the sweetness of the kernel within.

The chances are that almonds and hazels which rattle too readily are drier than they should be. Check walnuts for a good seal between the two halves of the shell, and if they have been soaked eat them quickly.

Deciding whether or not to go

to the trouble of skinning outs depends more on the astrin-gency of the skins than on their appearance in the finished dish. Almond and walnut skins are the ones which most often have to go. Taste and see if they need blanching and skinning.
For florentines, which can be

baked tea-time large or *petits* fours small, a proportion of flaked almonds gives the biscuits a good appearance.

Makes 50 small

55g (2oz) butter

6 tablespoons double cream

110g (4oz) golden granulated sugar 110g (4oz) flaked almonds

10g (4oz) chopped almonds 110g (4oz) glacé cherries, quar-

80g (2oz) crystallized orange peel, finely chopped

55g (1oz) flour 225g (8oz) good dark chocolate

Put the butter, cream and sugar in a heavy pan and heat, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Bring the mixture to the boil and then remove the pan from the heat. Stir in the almonds, cherries, peel and flour. Mix well.

Drop small spoonfuls of the mixture on to buttered and floured or non-stick baking sheets, spacing the florentines well apart. Use a wet knife to flatten each biscuit before baking them in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for 12 to 15 tagliolini and freshly grated minutes, or until



Shona Crawford Poole

golden. While they are still warm transfer the florentines to a wire rack to cool.

Break the chocolate into small pieces and put them in a wide bowt over a small pan of hot water. Allow the chocolate to melt without additional liquid and use it to spread on one side of each floreatine. As it begins to set use the back of a fork to comb a traditional pattern of wavy lines into the chocolate.

Florentines will keep fresh for at least a week if stored in an airtight container.

Tagliarini or tagliolini, two names for flat ribbon pasta cut narrower than tagliatelle, is the kind I make most often at home. and it is quite widely available as "fresh" bought pasta too. It is good with a walnut sauce based on classic north Italian dish of herb stuffed pasts, the dough for which is bound with white wine instead of egg. Some versions of the walnut sauce include a handful of finely chopped parsley and a whiff, no

Walnut sauce for pasta Serves four to six

110g (4 oz) shelled walnuts tablespoons fresh white bread-

4 tablespoons ofive oil 4 tablespoons sour milk or plain

It really is worth skinning the walnuts for this pale, luxurious sauce. Admittedly it is a fiddly job, but it can be done well in

Pour boiling water over the shelled walnuts, and, after a minute or two, drain and skin them. Soak the breadcrumbs in a little water and soneeze them

dry.
Put the walnuts in a mortar with the breadcrumbs and pound them to a smooth paste. Alternatively, use a food processor or blender Stir in the oil and sour milk

or yogurt, adding it in alternate spoonfuls. Season the sauce with salt. Serve the walnut sauce with

freshly boiled tagliarini or

WHERE TO GET HELP AND ADVICE

Family therapy and counselling ervices, widely available in America, are few and far between here, perhaps because we are less ready to acknow-edge family problems and seek

The National Stepfamily Association in Cambridge, where families can exchange aperiences, was formed in [월월983, but many are reluctant to

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ioin groups whose membership is based on something that may be regarded as a social failure.

American law increasingly takes the view that the best policy is adoption of the stepchildren. There are advantages. It is permanent, and security. It gives the stepchild the same status and rights as any natural child, and only fits the legal position to the

the stepparent can take legal custody of the child using guardianship, but the child keeps its family ties, though the name may be changed in a

It is argued that adoption of a stepchild can create genealogical confusion, and identity problems - but one could also argue that non-adoption and ill-defined status can create social

> the growing numbers of chil-dren living in stepfamilies. But Anne Mitchell, an Edinburgh researcher whose book on children affected by divorce is to be published next year, says few parents inform the teachers. Some thought it was a private matter and no concern of the school; others were defensive. saying there was no problem. Parents do not trust teachers.



cased circles, and presumably where there has been a "good" divorce, or a fair time has elapsed, do first and second

The introduction of family courts and conciliation services is one answer to more amicable divorce. The Bristol Courts Family Conciliation Service, which began in 1979 and is run by solicitors, offers an alternative to court for divorcing or divorced couples locked in financial and access disputes. Schools can help if alerted to

However, Gwyn Davis, of University's social Bristol administration who has been looking at the work of conciliation services both in Bromley and Bristol evidence about the long-term success of conciliation."

Teachers doctors social workers and therapists are rofessionals who can monitor and help relieve distress. Doctors can refer the family to specialized services such as child guidance clinics, and departments of family and child psychiatry. Social workers too can help adults and children as they come into contact with many families with divorce problems.

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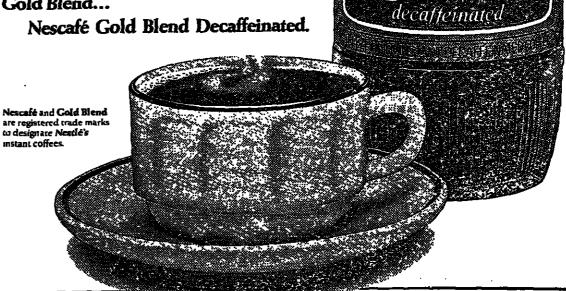
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THE TIMES

DIARY

John Gau Productions, the film

company brought in to revitalise

Labour's party political broadcasts

after Neil Kinnock became leader, is

threatening to withdraw its services.

· A leaked letter from producer Peter

Gillbe to Labour publicity director
Nick Grant states bluntly: "... if
the criteria we still apply to the PPBs

was applied to our other programmes, John Gau Productions

would soon be out of business". The

company was only able to keep within this year's budget of £64,000

because "many indirect costs were heavily discounted or ignored" and facility houses gave "several one-off

favours!". "Obviously we could not

afford that to continue indefinitely", says Gillbe. He insists that "a more

conventional production system must operate and refers to proposed 1985 budget reflecting that. If

Labour does not accept this, Gau

"would be unwilling for his com-

pany to continue producing the

broadcasts". The matter concludes Gillbe "needs to be resolved as soon

The assassination of Percy Norris in

Bombay yesterday could not have come at a worse time for Vimla Arni, director of the Indian Govern-

ment's London tourist office. She

had chosen yesterday lunchtime to

hold an informal briefing to

persuade travel writers that it was

safe to visit the sub-continent despite Mrs Gandhi's shooting.

Premature

Fighting the

system

Foreign to him Denis Healey may have visited the

Soviet Union six times, but President Chernenko still seems never to have heard of him. Shortly before the Kinnock party walked into his private office, the Soviet leader asked a senior aide for a potted biography of Labour's foreign affairs spokesman. Perhaps it is as well Chernenko was in the dark: in-Leningrad Healey offended the authorities by failing to remove his hat at the war cemetery. Glenys Kinnock shocked them still more by wearing a colourful ski outfit considered wholly inappropriate for a wreath-laying ceremony.

Not really

Compton Miller's updated Who's Really Who says of Frederick Forsyth: "This poker-faced aficio-nado of the bullring bravely chose to become an author. He finished *The* Eagle Has Landed in a month and it was rejected by four publishers . . . This must come as news to the book's author Jack Higgins, who doesn't get a single mention.

Campaign lost

Eric Heffer, widely credited with having led the rowdy demonstration that halted Commons business last week, is not the hero of Labour's left one might imagine. By rising during Norman Fowler's speech and beckoning his colleagues to follow, he wrecked a plan made by the Campaign Group of MPs the previous day to hear out Fowler's statement, let Michael Meacher make a stinging riposte, and then invade the floor. Heffer's premature action ensured that he reaped most of the publicity and wrecked Meacher's moment of glory. That little love is lost between the two men is an open secret.

BARRY FANTONI



'Funny, you'd think they would be crying out for sequestrators'

Campaign leak

A proposal by the Campaign for Freedom of Information to appoint member of the Church of Scientology - an outfit described by a High Court judge this year as "dangerous, immoral, sinister and corrupt" - seems to have led to a split within Fol. According to Professor James Cornford, chairman of the Fol's 1984 Council and a director of the Nuffield Foundation, chairman Des Wilson proposed Canadian scientologist Tom Reilly to sit on their foreign panel, but Wilson was outvoted by the committee. Cornford told me, There is no point in you running this. I hope you won't cause me any : more trouble." He added that I would not get a "warm" reception from Des Wilson on the subject. Indeed, when I rang Wilson denied ever proposing Reilly, and said his name just came up - "There are 4,000 million people on this planet. Why should we invite him?"
Cornford told me Reilly remained an informal adviser to the campaign; Wilson emphatically denies it. An enraged Reilly is now in correspondence with the campaign - accusing them of discrimination on the

grounds of religion.

Link arms across the Channel

Britain and France have a wide range of common interests in defence and security, and a long record of failure in attempting to build on them. The instinctive Atlanticism of successive British leaders has combined with the Gaullist intransigence of their French opposite numbers to sink initiative after initiative, leaving waves of mistrust

and scepticism behind. In London ministerial attitudes to European cooperation are now changing, however, while the old certainties of Gaullist defence policy are visibly crumbling. When Mrs Thatcher meets President Mitterrand in Avignon on Thursday for the annual Anglo-French summit, proposals for closer bilateral defence cooperation will be on the agenda. The Prime Minister should pursue

those proposals vigorously.

Sir Geoffrey Howe told the Conservative Party Conference in Brighton that "we need to strengthen the European pillar of the Atlantic Alliance", and at the Western European Union (WEU) ministerial meeting in Rome on October 26 both Howe and Heseltine impressed their partners with their new-found enthusiasm for European defence cooperation.

The core of the current debate is to be found in the Franco-German dialogue launched at a summit meeting between Schmidt and Mitterrand in February 1982. Since then three commissions of senior officials have been meeting regularly, The characteristic British response to reporting to the six-monthly meetings of French initiatives is to ask suspiciously,

by William Wallace

heads of government in which defence ministers take part. Neither side would claim that to have yet achieved a revolution, but some solid progress had been made.

The missing link between the three leading European powers is between London and Paris. It is not that military and industrial cooperation do not exist across the Channel. But there is no sense of mutual commitment, and no political determi-nation to strengthen the limited and often over-formal links which do exist.

Cooperation in procuring arms began more than 20 years ago, although competition between the two countries' arms industries means it has often been a bumpy road. Politico-military discussions between the two governments go easily on East-West relations, arms control, and transatlantic issues, within the multilateral framework of European political cooperation and Nato. Outside Europe, British and French forces have served recently together in the Lebanon and Sinai, and the two navies cooperate discreetly from the English Channel to the Persian Gulf. What has been lacking is a dialogue at the top, a willingness to explore other ways of working together and to accept a degree of intervention in each other's domestic debates.

The characteristic British response to

"What do they mean by it?". We would do better to ask ourselves what our objectives are and how best to harness the current European debate to those ends.

There is a real concern in Paris over the American commitment to Europe, and a reverse of the old Gaullist attitude over how to reassure them about West Europe's contribution to the Atlantic alliance. There is concern, too, about political developments in West Germany, and the need to ensure a future for the French arms industry. There is thus an opening for British ministers to draw the French more closely into sharing the responsibilities of western defence.

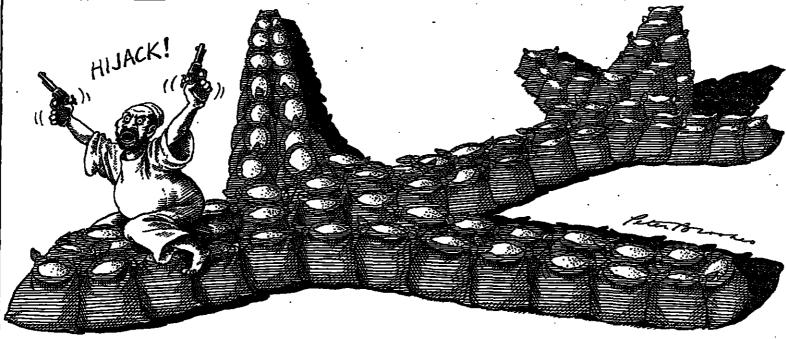
The generations of British leaders who have retired hurt from earlier attempts at dialogue will caution that it will not be plain sailing. But international politics rarely is. The Franco-German dialogue has already seen some hard talking behind the scenes. We would have to be prepared to discuss taboo subjects, ours as well as theirs. including independent nuclear deterrents, Anglo-American intelligence cooperation

But the prize could be great. A dialogue with the French which led to a closer link between French defence and its allies would be the single most significant contribution we could make to the alliance in the next three or four years.

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Mark Malloch Brown on the market forces behind food shortages



Adam Ahmed Abu Zeid and his sons run a small cafe in the souk of El Fasher, 500 miles west of Khartoum. Their smartly painted sign stands out in the dusty marketplace, where lean nomads from the desert, desperate to sell their livestock in order to buy food, mix with merchants. The latter, freshly dressed in long white jellabas, are selling sorghum and millet at four times its normal price. The case sign includes a motto: "Future uncertain; life is a school". At the moment, there is virtually

no outside help for this far-flung corner of Sudan, but there soon will be. As the relief agencies and donors start to look beyond the Ethiopian famine, Sudan has come into hazy focus. The first part of an emergency shipment of 82,000 tonnes of American sorghum has just arrived at Port Sudan. More will follow. Last Friday, Mr Timothy Raison promised £750,000 from Britain. But as aid workers pile in to set up relief centres, they would do well to reflect on Mr Abu Zeid's sign.

Sudan has taken care to avoid explicitly throwing itself on the mercy of international donors in the way it feels Ethiopia has done. President Numeiri, anxious to establish the Islamic self-reliance of his regime, would certainly have to eat a lot of what he has said about the Marxist incompetence of his neighbour if he had to confess too openly that his country could no longer feed itself. But more robust agricultural economies than Sudan's have been brought to their knees by the drought.

Impatient aid officials in Khartoum suspect the government of negligence for not moving more promptly to deal with prospective famine. The 1983 harvest was bad, and the 1984 one is clearly going to be disastrous. Private United Nations estimates suggest that more

Is there trouble in store for Sudan?

is at risk. The feeling among the foreign community, and indeed many Sudanese, is that in addition to managerial lethargy Numeiri's ministers and regional governors are frightened of being the bearers of bad news to their chief.

The government confronts a situation which could result in largescale famine towards the end of 1985. This is where Ethiopia was perhaps a year ago: livestock prices plummeting, grain prices rising, mass migration by the destitute (up to one million Sudanese, mostly from the west, may have moved or are moving from parched lands that will no longer support them), and already small pockets of desperate hunger. Add to that the extra mouths of refugees, including those coming in from Ethiopia and Chad,

The country's granaries are not empty. Nor were they in Ethiopia a year ago - a fact conveniently overlooked by many who now criticise western governments and the United Nations for not having

done more to help sooner. But whereas food distribution in Ethiopia was principally inhibited by war and politics, Sudan seems to be in the grip of speculators. Grim

than 4m people will be affected and reports on the drought and massive Unicef has estimated that the health of 1.5 million women and children fact that Africa is still growing a lot of food. Sudan's 22 million people in an average year, consume about 2.7m tonnes. This year's harvest will only fall about 700,000 tonnes short of that. Even Ethiopia will still have grown more of the food it consumes in 1985 than it is given in food aid.

The top priority for African governments must be to get full use of their own food supplies. Food aid can, in the long-term, be a deterrent to local production (how can a Sudanese or Ethiopian farmer compete in his local market with free food) and is a double-edged weapon even during an emergency. It can bring relief to starving people but can also generate panic hoardingand speculation. So, the amount of food local merchants and producers speculatively hold back from selling in the critical famine months could actually exceed the amount given in

food aid. President Numeiri must persuade the food surplus regions in the east and centre of his country, which are themselves having bad harvests, to release their extra supplies for Khartoum and the west, and to a lesser extent for the north and south.

Nobody knows how much is still in stock from previous harvests.

Some argue the very high prices

have already prompted merchants to sell. But there is plenty of circumstantial evidence that they

For several years the Sudanese, who in good years are food exporters, have not been able to sell as much grain to the Arab countries as they would like because they have been outsold by competitors. That extra grain is probably still in

The Bank of Sudan has told commercial banks that they must not extend credit to customers for more than three months if it is to be used for holding onto food stocks. Islamic banks which have been shouldering the conventional banks out of much of the domestic lending sector. It is an unexpected trait of these opponents of usury, and other non-Islamic practices, that they are avid speculators in food prices.

So while the government is discreetly approaching donors for food aid, it is cautious not to make a song and dance about it for fear of pushing the food price up still further. It is hoping that the bulk of the American sorghum will be distributed in early 1985 when the present meagre harvest should have briefly eased the food shortage. That might seem to be when it was least needed but the government hopes that by getting as much food as possible into circulation, it can bring the domestic price down.

The political economy of famine is a lot more complex than the gesture of putting part of America and Western Europe's grain surplus into the bowls of starving Africans implies. Aid workers would do well to remember the El Fasher cafeowner's advice: that there is much to lcarn.

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Digby Anderson

Controls that drive the bargain away

Two events last week made me especially a fixed price, was to issue remember Ted: the publication of the Good Pub Guide by the Consumers' Association and Polly Toynbee's curious description in The Guardian of the splendid Mrs Victoria Gillick as "a frisky, coltish 38-year-old". Oh, the trouble progressive ladies have wih gender! Filly, Miss Toynbee, filly.

Ted was an old country boy whose last employment was hedging and ditching for the water board. His loves were pubs, buying and selling "gypsy" horses and, gener-ally, "dealing". His highest com-mendation of someone was "a man as you can have a deal with". Those he disliked, he disparaged in horse talk as "bad 'un", "wants putting on a lungeing line", "a dodgy old mare" and ultimately, "a Bert Smith job" (Mr Smith was the local knacker).

Ted and I both kept chickens, ducks and geese. A source of considerable expense with free-range poultry can be fencing and netting. One Saturday Ted announced we should visit Jim. He reckoned we

could have a good deal with Jim, who had two scrawny hens and a dilapidated hen'us (chicken shed) in a field surrounded by netting. We spent three hours with Jim, who knew nothing of the purpose of our visit, and chatted about matters in

The field was by a railway line. Jim asked Ted if he'd ever been to London. "Once" said Ted but he'd come back the same day - he didn't know anyone. Had Ted been to the seaside? "No, he'd never seen the sea - what was the point - just a lot of old water - he saw enough of that when he washed his face in the

morning.

At the end of hour one, Ted casually remarked, "What do you want keeping two old hens like those for, must be a lot of trouble for nothing." Jim supposed it was. Ted offered to take them off his hands and Jim agreed.

After another hour of gossip, Ted said: "If you haven't got any hens, you don't really want that old hen'us. It'll be full of rats anyway." Ted duly acquired the hen shed. At the end of Act Three, Ted

truck "Now you haven't got any hens and no place to keep any in, you don't need all that netting. I could do with some. Why don't . . . We bought the netting, some very expensive chain-link fencing and twenty 10ft iron posts for a song.

Ted dealt for all his goods, and

not only with fellow country people. He bargained for drinks in pubs. Look, we'll call it a pound note and I'll bring you in some pigeons next

He was magnificent at supermarket check-outs in the local market towns. To show him a price, Affairs Unit

a challenge. He scorned fixed measures too. The grain for the poultry never came in pre-weighed scaled bags and Ted always came off

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I never saw his pint glass topped up with less than two-thirds of a pint for the price of a half. Though he was neither good at, nor interested in, what he called "head-work", he personified the self-reliant con-

sumer. The Good Pub Guide editor could not be less like Ted. He is infuriated by the fact that some pubs charge more than others and his fury turns into self-righteous and patronising indignation at "another black cloud... (which) needs close watching... tipping for bar food... tipping in pubs for food and drink is not the normal practice. let's firmly stamp on this new idea. Ted would not mind consumerists

providing information but, I suspect, he would be totally contemptuous of their lobbying on his behalf. He certainly would not want them to draw lines round his pint glass to ensure he got full measure. That might well prevent him getting his usual excess measure. In all, I think he would find the consumerist-activists "dodgy." Tipping is, of course, to be encouraged for next to everything. Anything which increases the negotiability of prices is in the interest of the competent consumer. Artful tipping provides a direct incentive for service and can even persuade an employee to collude with the customer against

the supplier.

The bias against tipping and price variations is not consumerist but political. It is a view which treats customers as dolts whose interests must be secured by government regulation, standardisation and bureaucratic enforcement, and trading as an activity in which risks and unpredictability are to be minimised. Consumerists with this political view, and there are many who do not share it and confine themselves to giving information, threaten to discredit consumerism as a whole.

I was watching one on television recently playing the indefatigable hero tirelessly exposing a supposedly shady package holiday dealer, along the lines of: "You've got to speak to me (falsetto). Come out, I demand it. I am speaking on behalf of many consumers (inflates chest, turns and produces resolute look for camera). There are most serious charges I have to put to you... do you

Suddenly I recognised someone more odious than any shady dealer. No doubt about it, "a Bert Smith

job".
The author is director of the Social

Robin Cook

Why this change is offensive

Next week the defence ministers of Nato states meet for their annual conclave. As is the way with international institutions, the permanent representatives have already taken the decisions, and all that is required of the ministers is the ceremonial laying of hands on the minutes of agreement. It is therefore confidently expected that they will give formal assent to a fundamental shift in Nato's strategy to emphasize the projection of force deep behind

enemy lines.

No new military doctrine is complete without a snappy acronym and this one has been dubbed FOFA Follow-On Forces Attack. The basic idea is that Nato will strike at the rear echelons which the Soviets might marshal to follow on their initial assault troops. The title itself contains controversy, since there is a stubborn school of military analysts which suspects that in the event of war the Soviets will hurl all they have at us and there may be no such thing as follow-on forces. As one British minister has observed: "The Soviets may not oblige us by reading the same text books."

The shift in strategy has been presented as a strengthening of conventional defence and a raising of the nuclear threshold. This is no more than public relations humbug. It is manifest from military manuals that the planners assume nuclear warheads will play a prominent part. Thus the current training document of the US Army stresses the integration of conventional, nuclear and chemical strikes "to describe a battlefield where the enemy is attacked to the full depth of his formations". The same document lists cruise and Pershing II missiles among the weapons to be integrated into such strikes.

In one respect FOFA could even lead to a lowering of the nuclear threshold. There has been pressure in Congress for theatre nuclear weapons to be released at the discretion of military commanders, on the grounds that the time taken to get political clearance is too cumbersome. General Meyer has advised the Senate that a proportion of cruise and Pershing missiles would need to be under the sole authority of the theatre commander, a development which would liquidate the understanding between Britian and the US that there would be political consultation before use.

The true dynamic behind FOFA is not a new-found distaste for nuclear warheads, but the possibilities created by technological advance. Recent refinements in radar, communication, and targeting have brought electronic management to the battlefield and encouraged the belief that it may now be practical to control the use of firepower hundreds of miles into devices would survive the first rude shock of war which are not dispelled by their collective title of emerging technologies.

The danger is that the glamour and prestige of developments at the frontiers of technology may divert the Alliance from more mundane objectives, such as ensuring that major partners can fire each other's ammunition. There is a more profound risk. The traditional Nato stance of forward defence has the merit of being unmistakably defensive in that it aims to repel any invasion at the border. FOFA by contrast is explicitly offensive, and for all the protestations that it is only retaliatory there must be a real possibility that the other side will interpret it as aggressive.

This consideration demands at tention, as the killing ground on the target list for FOFA is not primarily the Soviet Union but the territory of its allies. Much ingenuity is applied by western intelligence agencies to divining how reliable these Soviet allies might be in the heat of battle. The conventional wisdom is that they might remain loyal in the event of a Nato attack, but would be truculent partners should it be the Soviets who launched an invasion. Nothing is more likely to guarantee their loyalty or to promote the cohesion of the Warsaw Pact than our planning to rain down rockets and shells on their homelands.

The argument is sharpened by the parallel preparations of the US Army for its very own version of FOFA, known as Airland Battle Plan. This envisages not merely pumping firepower into Eastern Europe, but following it through with rapid offensives deep into enemy territory.

Revealingly these plans have been described in American military journals as a blitzkrieg strategy. The blitzkrieg was the characteristic manoeuvre of an aggressive and expansionist power. Such a posture could not exist in harmony with the ostensibly defensive nature of Nato.

The proposed shift in Nato strategy raises profound and disturbing issues, but this major change has had little public and no parliamentary debate. The defence ministers gathering in Brussels next week would be well advised to startle the officials who have already drafted the final communique by kicking their proposals into touch. Otherwise they risk repeating their experience of five years ago, when the endorsement of cruise missiles brought about their cars a vehement popular reaction which was all the greater because the public had not been consulted beforehand.

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Musical debt to a very good Guy

Many years ago, Noel Coward got into conversation with a fellow playwright, Guy Bolton, about the plot similarities between Coward's Private Lives and another work, Very Good, Eddie.

"Do you think," asked Coward, rather smugly, "that the author of Very Good, Eddie had seen Private Lives. "I don't think so," replied Bolton.

Very Good, Eddie was written in 1915 and Private Lives in 1930". To Coward's further embarrassment, the author of the earlier play turned out to be Bolton himself. It's unlikely that any American theatre-writer would have made such a mistake. Very Good, Eddie

was the first hit in a series of productions whose influence is far more apparent in the West End today than anything of Coward's. Bolton was born at Broxbourne in Hertfordshire on November 23 1884, and although there will be no great celebrations to mark the centenary every musical in this year's bumper crop, from On Your Tocs to The Hired Man, owes a considerable debt to him.

The Boy Friend is the most obvious example, but Sandy Wilson's spoof of 1920s musical comedy seems pretty tame compared to the real thing as practised by Bolton. In his shows, a playwright's visit to his godmother drives his jealous wife to flirt with a colonel: a Philippine revolutionary wants to marry an American heiress PHS | who wants to many an impoverished duke who wants to marry an executive in

starts running a bootlegging operation ("Don't criticise a bootleggers' English if his Scotch is all right").

When the Chichester Festival billed their recent production of Oh, Kay as "the Gershwin/Wodehouse musical", they were doing Bolton a great injustice. He was the most sought-after librettist on Broadway, and a respected partner of the Gershwins, Kern and Rogers and Hart. The plots may have been nonsense, but they were immaculately constructed (perhaps because Bolton was a trained architect: he designed New York's Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Riverside Drive).

It was at the Princess Theatre, the smallest in New York, that Bolton set about creating the modern musical. Unable to house Ziegfeldstyle spectaculars, the Princess decided to do the opposite: no stars, 11 musicians and only two sets. Bolton pinned the word "charm" above his desk to remind him of the essential ingredient. The Princess shows were to be intimate and elegant: the audience would leave feeling lucky enough to have attended the most exclusive party.

Before Bolton there was only operetta, with its preposterous Ruritanian royalty, or hotch-potches of songs and sketches, with star performers doing their regular routines regardless of the storyline. 'Our musical comedies," explained Boiton, "depend as much upon plot and the development of their characters for success as upon their music, and because they deal with

subjects and peoples near to the audience . . . every line, funny or serious, is supposed to help the plot continue to hold." What now seems an obvious requirement was a revolutionary concept 70 years ago. When critics hailed Oklahoma! and its integrated songs and plot as a theatrical landmark, Bolton was understandably a little miffed. He'd been writing integrated shows for 30

His main partners were two other Englishmen, P. G. Wodehouse and Fred Thompson. According to their theatrical memoirs Bring On The Girls. Bolton and Wodehouse met on Very Good. Eddic's opening night, when Jerome Kern pointed out a man in the tenth row called Wodehouse, and Bolton thought he said, "It's a good house". Even by the standards of showbiz anecdotes. this sounds less likely than one of Bolton's plots. According to Wodehouse, however, "they clicked like Damon and Pythias", and began a working relationship which lasted

In their desire to eliminate the insidious influence of Mittel Europe they sometimes made mistakes. Looking back at a operetta adaptation called *The Riviera Girls*, a huge flop, they felt "that where they went wrong was in being too ingenious in devising a plot to replace the original Viennese libretto, which, like all Viennese librettos, was simply terrible".

They wrote instead "one to those plots where somebody poses as

somebody else and it turns out that he really was somebody else... 'Boy', Guy would say to Plum, his eyes sparkling, 'you could take that plot down to the bank and borrow money on it', and Plum, his eyes sparkling, too, would agree that you certainly could. And then the rude Guy Bolton died in 1979 aged 94,

having written over 70 plays and musicals, a dozen screenplays and three novels. According to Gerald Bordman, the great chronicler of the American theatre, Bolton's "foresight, his high aims and his skills almost singlehandedly pioneered the modern book show". Perhaps the most appropriate tribute to this little-known innovator is that his centenary coincides with a record number of musicals on the West In his heyday, his work inspired

this tribute by an anonymous admirer (according to some, a young Lorenz Hart):

"This is the trio of musical fame Bolton and Wodehouse and Kern: Better than anyone else you can Bolton and Wodehouse and Kern.

Nobody knows what on earth they're been bitten by: All I can say is I mean to get lit an' Orchestra seats for the next one that's written by Bolton and Wodehouse and Kern."

Mark Steyn

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Lawson's scaling-down of capital

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Reagan only proposes tax change, Congress disposes; Mr

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The grit in the American legislat-

ive system can be expected to

wear down the sharp points of

this tax package; many of the

existing tax exemptions may

survive in some form. Thus the

second strand of scepticism, in

the White House and elsewhere,

is that such "neutral" change

might actually turn out to be

both vote and revenue-losing, at

a time when the President's

targets for his budget deficit

already look unattainable.

Mr Nigel Lawson will this afternoon face certain scepticism from the Treasury committee of MPs about his budgetary arithmetic. He can comfort himself by a glance across the Atlantic, President Reagan's second-term arithmetic is in dire trouble. Yet there are lessons for Britain's Chancellor in American reaction to the Administration's tax those sections of American plans, formally released yester-

Unlike the British budgetary process, in which spending is fixed first and taxes made to fit after, the American system has thrown up proposals for major tax reform before the President has any clear idea how he is going to tackle federal expendi- change would imperil its perture. The new American tax plans contain themes thoroughly familiar to Mrs Thatcher's Britain, though executed on a more performance of American indusdramatic scale. Top income tax rates, which are already lower than on this side of the Atlantic. are planned to be cut to 35 per cent. Reliefs and exemptions are intended to be thinned out (though mortgage interest is to remain a tax-protected species). Corporate tax is to be reformed in similar ways, with a cut in the standard rate combined with a sweeping away of many allowances, most notably those tax

breaks for investment. That, at least, is what the US Treasury proposed yesterday. For even before formal publication, the backlash had proved strong enough to drive the President some distance from this tax package, leaving it to be presented at arm's length by his Treasury Secretary, Mr Donald Regan.

This reaction, coming not least from within the White the deficit over the next four years. House itself, has two strands. When his pre-election promises First, the belief that such changes have rendered roughly threein corporate tax will not stimuquarters of federal spending late business activity but only untouchable. With defence and anger the business lobby. Although the package as a whole social security protected from the axe, such dramatic ideas as the complete abolition of the federal is supposed to be "neutral" that is, neither increasing nor education department are circu lating in Washington. reducing total tax revenue -

With Congress to deal with there is no way that President Reagan can cut his budget deficit to \$100 billion by 1988 with a few such sweeping strokes of the Hence the continuing debilitating uncertainty about American budgetary policy. Even so, there are lessons for other governments, like Mrs Thatcher's, in the boldness of President Reagan's approach.

If, with all his legislative limitations, President Reagan can contemplate major changes in public expenditure, then so can a British Government with a massive parliamentary majority. And if such change in America has to be subjected to widespread public scrutiny before it is presented to the legislature, so

it should be in Britain. It would, for example, be good to see Mr Nigel Lawson publicly presenting his tax plans to Mrs Thatcher, substituting open discussion for budget secrecy. It would be good to see a clearer public presentation of the Government's spending pri-orities before deals are done in Cabinet An Administration so vulnerable to Congress should be more realistic about financial control; but a Government so much in control of Parliament should be less afraid of public

NORTH OF WATFORD

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financial troubles at universities

From Professor R. M. S. Smellie Sir, As the head of a large university science department and the father of Yours sincerely, two sons currently at university I approve of the principle that parents should be expected to contribute, according to their means, to the higher education of their children. This, of course, they already do indirectly through the medium of taxation from which are paid both student grants and grants to universities.

Between 1983 and 1984 there was a dramatic change in the method of calculating student grants which, on the one hand, halved the level of the minimum grant and, on the other, effectively doubled parental contributions. Now it has been announced that in future any family with a residual income in excess of £13,000 will have to contribute progressively with increasing income towards the maintenance and the fees of their children up to a maximum annual contribution of £4,000.

There are three points that I wish to make about this:

1. The whole basis of financial provision for students has been changed drastically in a period of less than two years and this has made it extremely difficult for students and parents alike to make any planned provision for financial support. This is especially true of students currently in mid-course.

2. It is well known that even within the present system a large pro-portion of parents are unable, or unwilling, to pay the full parental contribution. This can give rise to serious financial hardship for those students affected. The recent and proposed changes in financing students will inevitably give rise to a much larger proportion of students in this situation and are likely to be a deterrent to well qualified and able young people seeking higher

3. While it is comparatively easy to assess the family incomes of those who earn salaries or wages there is a substantial group within society, often drawn from business, the selfemployed, or the farming communities, whose incomes, as assessed for student grant purposes, are suffi-ciently low to entitle their children to full grants but who are, nevertheless, amongst the more wealthy members of society by virtue of perquisites such as business cars and their running expenses,

cheap or interest-free mortgages. school fees and so on. R. M. S. SMELLIE, 39 Falkland Street,

Glasgow. November 22.

From Dr Ian J. Deary Sir. Digby Anderson's point (November 21, p.18) is well made. My only disagreement is the degree to which the NHS system has succeeded in discriminating against lower income groups, as the Black report has clearly shown.

Nevertheles, one sympathizes with his view that the welfare state has succeeded not only in becoming entrenched in a set of rules that benefits upper and middle-income groups in the way he indicates, but also has lost the Clexibility respond to real poverty when noticed.

It is thus surprising that the present Government, in two recent attempts at a small degree of welfare redistribution, should receive such a histrionic response. As the actual figures show, the resetting of student grants benefits to a amall degree lower income groups and the abolition of the minimum grant and the increase in parental contribution from those upper income groups are only a small percentage of total

Similarly, one has waited long enough for the fairer distribution of the present blanket system of childbenefit payments. As a doctor, with children, I wince at the not-too-distant prospect of earning, say, £20,000 a year and still collecting child benefit when, every day, I can see better ways to spend the state's

іпсоте.

One suspects that the lack of enthusiastic response to the Government's measures is the pique of those privileged members who do not wish to give up a privilege. However, I am encouraged by these present small measures and hope to see further social policy develop along the line of Sir Karl Popper's enduringly sensible dictum (which I paraphrase) "the least discomfort for the least number".

Yours faithfully, IAN J. DEARÝ. The Bethlem Royal Hospital. Monks Orchard Road. Kent November 21.

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boundary. A good case could be made for placing the boundary at the

top of the slope above the town, or

even further south to exclude the

unsightly military encampment, in

which case the road would be

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cedure was not designed to protect

national parks and appears to be

simply a further device for ensuring

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today's paper (November 24) seem

to be in danger of losing the wood,

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from the London Regional Trans-port authorities. Three hundred

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passengers would like an expla-

nation - now.
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that the police, ambulance, fire brigade and Tube employees were

wonderfully brave and reassuringly

efficient in all they did to lead us out

Yours faithfully.

arrow,

Middlesex

JOHN R. FOWLER

35 Roxborough Road,

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Yours faithfully,

Bay House.

Wiltshire.

Marlborough.

November 24.

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Brakes on wheel of enterprise

From Sir Geoffrey Jackson Sir, Cuts once again in the Diplomatic Service, the BBC's external services and the British Council are none the less regretable for their familiarity. Behind them lies, however, a set of national and governmental values that needs

In relative terms, and as against foreign aid priorities, these cuts are chicken-feed. For the programmes they damage, however, they are a disaster. They are also chicken-feed compared with our current national rodigality.
Our trade balance sags under

imports of consumer goods, including durables that anxious millions of our unemployed might well be producing. Our "showbiz" creaks under mega-star takings for trivia while certain ambassadors, who responded to national crisis with TV miracles of improvisation, presumably find their main reward, like their colleagues export-driving and standing-by around the world, in an inward sense of purpose and service. There is no going-rate for them; we can never pay them enough.
Our Energy Minister recently

flogged the wrong horse of the national troika when he laid our ills on government for its present orientation of the economy. But government's errors, and manage-ment's, including the Civil Service, have always been reversible.

Not so, as yet, those of the trade unions. Restrictive practices, overmanning, strikes official and tongue-in-cheek - these are the brakes on competitiveness, as every exportdriver knows. And they have culminated in a Royal Princess foreign-built and manned when British shipyards are closing, prob-

ably for ever. Only when union leaders again represent rather than regiment the British working population shall we be once more the "One Nation' that, from without, we are still seen

to be - not incidentally without help from HM Diplomatic Service, the British Council and the external services of the BBC. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY JACKSON, 63B Cadogan Square, SWI. November 23.

From the Managing Director of British Aerospace Sir. As the leading industrial exporter of manufactured goods actively engaged in high-value sales in more than 50 countries around the world, British Aerospace de-pends heavily on the advice and support of British diplomatic and consular missions abroad. We have been greatly impressed by the

improving professional standards of services available from commercial sections of those missions in recent years. The complex trading conditions which British exporters all face in overseas markets nowadays means that political advice and contacts are increasingly essential, in addition to the services which commercial

sections have traditionally provided. I am therefore concerned by the prospect that proposed cuts in the FCO budget could cause reductions in the staffs who support British export efforts. Britain's overseas posts are already handicapped in supporting British exporters in comparison with the resources

enjoyed by our major competitors. It is generally agreed that the creation of jobs and the economic recovery of this country must be export-led and I would urge that no further cuts should be imposed without serious thought being given to the impact they could have on these wider national interests.

others, we can see it. So, Sir, I

protest most strongly against these proposed cuts and instead would

like to see the overseas services

Sir, The short-sightedness of the

proposed cutbacks in the BBC's

Overseas Service was made clear to

me last week in Murmansk. A

Russian student from the Kola

peninsula studying history and

English told me it was easy to listen

to the Voice of America or Radio

Free Europe if one "wished to listen to their lies", but that it was not

My small £8 radio picked up the

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Somerset Maugham.

J. GRAHAM WATSON,

Consultant Paediatrician.

Newcastle Health Authority,

Newcastle General Hospital.

Children's Department,

Newcastle upon Tyne.

Yours faithfully,

Westgate Road,

BBC.

JOHN BRUCE LOCKHART.

From Dr J. Graham Watson

The Reform Club. 104-5 Pall Mall, SW1.

Yours faithfully, RAYMOND LYGO. Managing Director, British Aerospace, 100 Pall Mall, SW1.

strengthened.

November 24.

Muffling the BBC

From Mr John Bruce Lockhart

Overseas Service: the multilingual service sometimes called the External Service.

reality of our power has declined. the BBC overseas programmes have done more for British influence and prestige than any other single factor. The simple point is that since the 1939-45 war the British Overseas

Service has become trusted. If an doesn't want to know what is happening in Britain - but the BBC represents his only means of btaining an objective account what is going on in the world. He knows his own media are untrustworthy, as also are those of his

the truth. Yet we pay £5m or so to Unesco, basically a corrupt, anti-Western front organisation. We pay millions for one fighter aircraft, plus back-up. Yet we cut down our most influential weapon with hardly a

Truth can be a formidable international force, if skilfully used.

Sir, I write to express my dismay at the proposed cut of £1m in the BBC

I have spent a lot of my life abroad, much of it involved in foreign affairs. Though it is hard to quantify, I am convinced that as the

intelligent Egyptian wants to know what is going on in Afghanistan or India he turns to the BBC. He

neighbours.
For millions of people all over the

world the BBC Overseas Service represents the nearest they can get to

November 23.

NI Assembly sittings

From the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly

Sir In 'Mr Richard Ford's article, "Assembly faces Hume's test" (November 22) it is stated that meetings of the Northern Ireland Assembly have been reduced from three to two a week because of "a

lack of matters to discuss". The Northern Ireland Assembly sits in plenary sessions normally on only two days a week for one important reason. Along the corridors of Stormont, six committees appointed by statute for the role scrutinise and report on the work of the Northern Ireland departments. This task, which is of the utmost importance for enforcing the accountability of the Government, is carried on throughout each week, and even during recesses. The

scrutiny committees cannot sit when the Assembly is in session. Pienary sessions of the assembly are useful for allowing elected representatives to argue their party's case and to ventilate grievances

In my opinion, however, the best way forward is for members to work effectively together for the good of all the people of Northern Ireland - as they do, despite their political and religious differences - in the scrutiny committees, away from the glare of

Yours sincerely JAMES KILFEDDER, Speaker, Northern Ireland Assembly, Parliament Buildings, Stormont,

Up in the air

November 23.

From Miss Barbara Crispin Sir, Privatization may need publicity, but surely not the crude yellow illumination of the words "British Telecom" around the top of the Post Office tower.

One of the most elegant and distinctive London landmarks has been transformed into a garish advertisement for an organisation which is being very adequately drawn to public attention in other

Yours faithfully, BARBARA CRISPIN. 60 Ridgmount Gardens, WC1. November 25.

Later this week, we should learn more about how the exposure of its options.

Britain's regional development policies have proved a costly failure. Government spending on regional aid, averaging £1 billion a year over a generation, has produced no significant changes in the league table of rates of unemployment around Britain's regions, the most available measure of the decreasing of spreading jobs more equitably circles of affluence surrounding the relatively prosperous London and South East, Indeed, slump and continuing high unemployment have magnified

the absolute differences. Of the relative changes that have occurred. Scotland has improved its position thanks to North Sea oil rather than policy measures. And many Midlanders even blame the former policy of directing investment away from prosperous areas for exacerbating the collapse of the West Midlands economy under the weight of an uncompetitive motor industry. The Department of Trade and Industry estimates a ridiculous £38,000 cost per job

created at today's prices. Those jobs appear to have been mostly the wrong ones. Concentration on manufacturing investment, rather than employment, made the outlying regions a cheap place to site peripheral high-risk factory projects, many of which were hit disproportionately by the rise in the real exchange rate and the slump. By contrast, enduring service jobs, largely ineligible for the incentives, concentrated even more in the prosperous areas, while the rise of big firms pulled more decision-making headquarters to London, with all their ancillary

ceiling on cost per job.

By its very permanence, the policy always smacked of the defeatist palliative, which assumed that the North would always be less attractive: an industrial form of social security. As dreams of growth with full employment disappeared, it even lost its economic rationale so that the economy could be run at a higher level without overheating. It has now become clear that the future problems are centred on the great provincial conurbations, which need to regenerate growth in their own right to rival the attractions of

the metropolis. Mr Norman Lamont, the Industry minister, will therefore announce his proposed changes to regional industrial policy today against a background crying out for radical reform. The changes will not however be radical. A rising proportion of regional support is now financed by refunds from the European Community's regional fund, which depend on the existence of designated assisted areas and

Government grants. The Government will therefore try to save money and correct the more foolish errors within the existing broad structure of regional industrial aid. Within those constraints, the proposals, which are likely to follow last December's White Paper closely, look sensible. They will extend grants to services, put more emphasis on jobs than investment and put a

the assisted area map further to be written off to experience.

concentrate resources, although he can now hardly ignore the West Midlands' case for inclusion. It is to be hoped that he will also shift the emphasis from automatic to discretionary grants by moving from three to two grades of assisted area, with only the worst areas receiving auto matic aid.

That is good housekeeping But it is not enough. Acknowledging the costly failure of old regional policies only emphasizes the problems they were designed to solve. We need some evidence that the Government is actively planning a new stra

as it winds down the old. Such a strategy should be geared to helping the depressed provincial conurbations to regenerate so that they can take off into self-sustaining prosperity. There will still be a need to marshal aid to diversify the economies of towns that have lost their chief employment and to help outlying rural areas, but the main effort should come in encouraging regional growth

points: Merger policy, freeports, the siting of international airport expansion and the concentration of government scientific and technical resources can all play a part along with urban aid to the environment. Encouraging re gional wage differentials and geographical mobility can help. The relative success of the Scottish and Welsh development agencies underlines the role of fully co-ordinated programmes being fully co-ordinated, preferably under local leadership. Mr Lamont is likely to shrink Regional policy must not simply

BIGGER THAN BONN

It seems that, for the foreseeable these stumbling blocks bears than lead the development of That is the real significance behind the flurries over the nonvisit of Herr Hans-Dietrich

businesses.

Genscher to Poland. The West German Foreign Minister was, in part, anxious to set by Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, symbolize the continuity of the SPD leader, who used his Ostpolitik passing from the visit to Warsaw to demonstrate Schmidt-Genscher coalition government on to the Kohl-Genscher coalition government. It would have demonstrated the special role which Bonn still plays in East-West European diplomacy. Moreover, despite its public reservations about the nationalist" colour of the Kohl government. General Jaruzelski was privately keen to receive such a high-ranking visitor from Poland's top West European trading partner. This would have been trumpeted in Warsaw as further proof that Poland is coming out of Nato's diplomatic

quarantine. Officially, Bonn says that Warsaw imposed "unreasonable" conditions, by warning Herr Genscher against visiting the Church of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, declining to let him lay a wreath at a memorial for German soldiers who died in Poland during World War II, spondent of Die Welt. None of concerns West Germany's interperspectives.

future, West Germany's Ostpoli- Herr Genscher's personal halltik will have to follow rather mark. On the contrary, he had made it rather plain that he relations between the United personally did not want to follow States and the Soviet Union. Mr Malcolm Rifkind's example by laying a wreath at the grave of Poland's martyred priest, or by meeting - even privately Solidarity advisers. Rather did he wish to follow the precedent support for General Jaruzelski's policies. Christian "normalization" Understandably, Democrats felt that Herr Genscher was behaving as if he was still in coalition with the Social Democrats. It was these Christian Democrats who rightly put a visit to Father Popieluszko's church back on the Foreign

Minister's provisional agenda. However, it was these same conservative forces who pressured Herr Genscher into an uncharacteristically provocative proposal to honour the memory of those who had executed the Nazi invasion and occupation of Poland; and to do this at the same time as visiting Auschwitz. It would be hard to conceive of a gesture better calculated to offend both the people and the

government of Poland. Two lessons from this confused débâcle will be noted in the and refusing a visa to a corre- capitals of Europe. The first even European: there are larger

nal politics. For almost two years now, Chancellor Kohl's government has inclined to say one thing on Sunday and do another on Monday. In Sunday sermons, leading conservative politicians and Ministers have talked emotively about the old German fatherland in the frontiers of 1937 - that is, including much of present-day Poland. In their workaday diplomacy, however, they have proceeded rationally and pragmatically on the basis of full recognition of the post-war frontiers and communist régimes of Eastern Europe. Considered coolly, there may be no necessary contradiction between their preaching and their practice. But the lesson of this débâcle, as also of the earlier cancellation of Herr Honecker's planned visit to the Federal Republic, is that such matters will not be considered so coolly in lands once occupied by Hitler's armies.

the place of West Germany's Ostpolitik in the larger pattern of East-West relations. Last week's announcement that Mr Shultz will meet Mr Gromyko followed hotfoot on the announcement that Herr Genscher would not be meeting General Jaruzelski. Two months ago Mr Gromyko went to see President Reagan instead of Herr Honecker going to see Chancellor Kohl. This latest affair was not Polish, German or

The second lesson concerns

Sir, In 1977-78, as the Countryside Commission's regional officer, I and my immediate colleagues examined the route proposed by the Department of Transport for the Okehamp-ton by-pass which took the shorter southern route through the edge of the Dartmoor National Park.

Okehampton by-pass

From Mr Anthony Sewell

This seemed the right choice, preference expressed at that time by the townspeople, the road costs and amenity aspects which would apply if there was no national park in the area. The commission were inclined to accept this proposal until pressed by various conservation groups urging the view that every detail of a national park must be sacrosanct.

The commission, therefore, de-cided that they would put forward for consideration the northern route and I took some part in preparing the original submission to the public inquiry. It is astonishing to find that' the argument continues following the long-delayed report of the inspector and the secretary of state's

Indeed, the route goes through the park, but this is because it was convenient to define the park partly

Terrifying experience

From Mr John R. Fowler Sir, As one of the unfortunates trapped underground in a train slowly filling with acrid black smoke during the Oxford Circus fire of last Friday night, I feel I must say something about the contrast between efficiency and terrifying

inefficiency.

During the whole of the ninety minutes in which my train's occupants were traoped not once did the London Regional Transport "control" respond to the guard's call on the energency telephone. Over and over again the guard announced that efforts were being made to "raise control", but without success.

The people crammed into two carriages which were slightly less black with the noxious smoke, sitting in darkness, feeling the oxygen running out and the heat building up, required reassurance and confidence in those, literally and confidence in the same above, to free us. Being told that those responsible for responding to calls for assistance were "not

Depths of feeling From Mr George Watson Sir, Dr Scruton's sweeping attack on

striking miners, Belgrano-addicts, Third-worlders, feminists and CND (November 13) contrives to link my late colleague, F. R. Leavis, with the cause of modern Conservatism and leaves both looking silly at the end of the argument.

According to Dr Scruton, Leavis taught us to distinguish real feeling from sentimentality, demonstrating that "what is bad in literature is bad also in life". But it isn't. Great literature can disturbingly propose evil as well good, as William Empson showed of Paradise Lost, and depth of feeling and freedom from sentimentality are no guaran-

demonstrated, a notion can be deeply feit and totally worthless; and sentimentality must be one of the few charges never levelled against Nazism and never likely to be.

tee of virtue or of truth.

As National Socialism forever The only charge worth making against strikers, demonstrators or (for that matter) Mrs Thatcher and

her monetarist friends is that they have got it wrong. Their depth of feeling is beside the point. So is that 'imperfection" in Leavis's character which Dr Scruton mysteriously alludes. As a philosopher, he surely knows that the truth of a proposition, in politics or elsewhere, is independent of the cause that have led to its being believed or disbelieved by individuals or

I share his distaste for the moral simplicities of much modern politi-cal debate, and its fondness for seeing all issues as a struggle between right and wrong or right and left and wonder that he cannot see that a defunct school of literary criticism is part (if only a tiny part) of the trouble.

Mrs Thatcher is as guilty of sentimentality as Mr Scargill or Mr Dalyell, as her chant about "resolution" suggests; and the cost of Conservative sentimentality and its passion for confrontation is now there for all to see. GEORGE WATSON, St John's College,

We have shown that, above all ANDREW SEWELL Southgate by-election

Sir, The idea put forward by Mr New (November 26) that no opposition candidate be put forward to contest the Southgate by-election seems pointless to me.

From Mr Julian Machin

Even the guard himself - a pleasant and manifestly embar-rassed and frightened West Indian -The Brighton bomb was not specifically aimed at the Conservaexpressed his "disappointment" at tive member for Southgate, although it was in the line of duty that he met in Anglo-Saxon expletives which his untimely death. none of us sharing the ordeal would ever wish to have "deleted".

If major parties are to make a demonstration here, then it should be to make absolutely no deviation whatsoever from normal democratic procedure following the death of an

In the long run it signifies better if all political candidates are seen to plod, via a long wandering, the short way either to success or to failure. Yours faithfully.

JULIAN MACHIN. 213 Sussex Gardens, W2. November 26.

Oxford entrance

From Dr J. S. Kelly and others Sir, Articles on Oxford are always disastrous, some more disastrous than others. At a time when the university is attempting, sincerely if somewhat awkwardly, to adapt its entrance procedures further to modern needs, it is positively illwilled to begin an article (November 20) so emphatically with one college's special treatment of the children of its old members.

That is by now a practice prominent only by its uniqueness. We, too, are attached to our former members, but owe them no favours Colleges should not be (and we believe overwhelmingly are not) interested in that kind of continuity, but in ensuring intellectual stan-dards and intellectual variety. That is best done by drawing as impartially as we can on the broadest range of candidates it proves possible to attract.

Yours sincerely, J. S. KELLY. T. J. REED, T. C. CAVE, St John's College, November 21.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was

attended by Lady Aird and Major

November 27: The Duke of

Gloucester, as Patron, was enter-

tained to launcheon by the London

Playing Fields Society at the Oriental Club, Stratford Place,

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of Notting Hill Housing Trust, was

present this evening at the

Christmas Fair held at The Town

Hall, Kensington, London W8.
Mrs Michael Wigley was in

November 27: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief The Devonshire

and Dorset Regiment, today received Lieutenant-Colonel Bryan

Dutton on his assuming command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant

The Lord Napier and Ettrick.

KENSINGTON PALACE

Bland was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

London W1.

YORK HOUSE

ST. JAMES'S PALACE

CLARENCE HOUSE

of the Institute of Journalists.

KENSINGTON PALACE

Coutts and Co, 440 Strand, WC2.

Mrs George West and Lieutenant-

A memorial service for Sir Robert

Lawrence will be held at St Pancras

Parish Church, Upper Woburn

An organ recital will be given by Dr

Mr Tim Aitken, 40; Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown, 57; Mr Geoffrey

son, 70; Sir John Dudding, 69; Mr

F. C. H. dn Pree, 49; Mr Terenox Fresby, 52; Sir Ronald Gibson, 75

Mr P. N. Fox-Andrews and Miss E. K. Allan

Midhurst Sussex.

Mr J. R. Furlong and Miss J. M. Marks

Clarke, 60: Mr Justice Croom-John

Place, today at 3pm,

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 27: The Oueen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace

this morning.
The Right Hon Margaret
Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this

evening.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, this morning chaired a meeting of the General Council of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and afterwards attended a luncheon at the Regent Crest Hotel, Carburton Street, Wil

His Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor John Bull) and the Director of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (Mr Robert Heron). Mr Brian McGrath was in

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Royal Academy Trust, this evening gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace, His Royal Highness, President of

the Royal Society of Arts, presented the 1984 Albert Medal and Benjamin Franklin Medal at a dinner at the Society's House, John Adam Street, WC2 Mr Brian McGrath was in

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon opened and toured the Boots Shopping Development at Kingston upon Thames. Her Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Kingston upon Thames (Councillor D. Weston), the Chairman of the Boots Company PLC (Or P. Main) and the Managing Director of Boots the

Chemists (Mr K. Ackroyd).
The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips. President of the Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Reception to mark the retirement of the Director-General of the Fund (Mr John Cumber), given by the Commonwealth given by the Commonwealth Secretariat at Marlborough House, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness was received the Commonwealth Secretary-neral (His Excellency Mr Shri-

Dewi M. Lewis at St Margaret's Church, Westminster at 7pm on Saturday, December I. Admission is The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke and free to the public. A retiring collection will be taken in aid of the Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded Lady Rose Baring as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. Birthdays today

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 27: The Princess Marga-ret, Countess of Snowdon today visited British Aerospace at Stevenage, and opened the Company's new

Spacecraft Assembly Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire (Major-General Sir George Burns).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Spacecless who travelled in an of Snowdon, who travelled in an

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. T. Adler and Miss B. M. Rogers

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Adler, of Winchcombe, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. Rogers, Grindleford, Derbyshire. Mr R. J. Armitage and Mrs R. H. N. Wills

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Armitage, of Fulham, London, and Susan Wills, of The Old Farmhouse, Enham-Alamein, Hampshire, widow of Mr Henry Wills. Mr M. J. Elger and Miss A. M. J. Cavanagh

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr R. J. Elger and the late Mrs Elger, and Maria, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R.

Marriages

Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing and Mrs Wilkin The marriage took place quietly is

Palm Beach, Florida, on November 21 between Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing and Mrs H. Wilkin, of Anchor House, Lulworth, Dorset. Mr S. H. Lambert and Miss D. P. Beisiegel

The marriage took place quietly in London on November 23 between Mr Simon Hugh Lambert, only son of Mr and Mrs S. R. Lambert, of Cheam, Surrey, and Miss Deborah Pauline Beisiegel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. C. Beisiegel, of Enfield, Middlesex.

Mr J. E. Toppin and Miss A. J. Turner The engagement is announced between John Eric, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Toppin, of York, and Alison Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. A. Turner, of Hailsham.

Worcestershire.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include: Earl Ferrers to be Chairman of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England), in suc-cession to the late Lord Adeane.

Lord Maclean, to be Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1985. He will relinquish his post as Lord Chamberlain of the Queen's Household at the end of this month.

Mr Robert Brook, deputy chairman and chief executive of the National Bus Company, to be chairman on the retirement of Lord Shepherd next month. He will continue as

Celebrating a new see over tea



European-Atlantic Group

dian Club

The European-Atlantic Group held

a dinner last night at St Ermin's

Hotel for Mr James Buckley after a

meeting held in the House of

Commons arranged by Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP, presided and Lord Chalfont

Old Plymothian and Manuamea

The thirty-sixth annual dinner of the London section of the Old Plymothian and Mannameadian

Club was held on Friday, November

23, at the Coburg Hotel. It was attended by 40 former pupils of Plymouth College. The chairman of the London section, Mr Christopher

Morton, welcomed as guests: Mr A.

M. Joyce, Headmaster of Plymouth College, Mr C. M Meade-King and Mr W. Fisher.

The fellows' dinner of the Institute of Public Relations was held in the

Library of the Reform Club last

night, Mr John Garnett, Director of

the Industrial Society, was the guest speaker, Mr Peter Smith, president

of the institute, and Mrs Smith

Universities of Glasgow and

Strathelyde Air Squadron, under the

command of Squadron Leader J. T.

Craven, held its annual dinner in

Air Marshal oir Michael Kaight, Air Member for Supply and Organization. The guets include:
Professor G Melvyn Howe, Professor M Lewis, Professor L W Barr, Professor R K Shaw, Air Vior-Marshal R C F Petras. Air Vior-Marshal R C F Petras. Air Vior-Marshal J F H Tetley Commodore D Pentreeth, RN, Group Coptain M J Sustendand Leithemann Commander E Flagerad.

appointed to the chair of anatomy

from July 1, 1985. He succeeds

Malcolm

professor of education, London University Institute of Education,

has been appointed Vice-Chancello

of Deakin University, Victoria, Australia. He will take up the appointment in January, 1986.

Royal Holloway and Bedford

Science and Engineering Research Council: 951,181 to Dr P G Frayne to research a national probe for millimetre wave integrated circuits.

Lord Cledwyn, president of Aberyst-

wyth University has resigned as Pro-Chancellor of the University of

Appointments
Lectureships: Mr A Cooke (lournalism): Di
A M Pollard (chemistry): Dr D R Keit
Chemistry): Dr W G Hertenden-Harket

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Professor G J Romanes.

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Institute of Public Relation

welcomed the guests.

Service dinner

Strathelyde Air Soundron

The Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev Colin James, taking tea with the Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday after being named as the next Bishop of Winchester.

He had been widely tipped as the successor to Dr John Taylor under whom he served as a Bishop Suffragan of Basingstoke.

The Bishop of Wakefield, who is aged 58, was trained as a BBC producer in the religious Colonel Paget King-Fretts on his relinquishing the appointment. broadcasting department, and was subsequently chairman of the Central Religious Advisory Committee which brings together broadcasters and representatives of the churches. He is known as a liberal Anglo-Catholic, and

opposes the ordination of women in the Church of England at present and the more radical theological views of the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins.

He was trained at King's College, Cambridge, and Cuddesdon Theological College. (Photo-

Luncheons

November 27: Queen Elizabeth The London Playing Fields Society
The Duke of Gloucester, Patron of Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception at St James's Palace given to mark the Centenary the London Playing Fields Society, was guest of honour at a luncheon of was guest of below at a function of the society held yesterday at the Oriental Club. Mr P. G. Nathan, chairman, presided and Mr J. G. Dunbar, was also present. The Dowager Viscountess Ham-leden, Sir Martin Gilliat and bleden, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton HM Government

Mrs. Patrick Campbell-Preston Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon given at Lancaster House in honour of the Minister of State has succeeded Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty. November 27: The Princess of Wales today attended a luncheon for Foreign Affairs of Tunisia.

Order of St John with the Chairman and Directors of

Mr Ronald Gerard was the host at the St John Juncheon held at 28 South Street, Park Lane, London, WI, on Monday, November 26, 1984. The guests included Mr Raphael Djanogly, Mr David Poole, Brigadier Gerald Landy, Captain Anthony Swainson, Mr Denis Thatcher and Lord Westbury. Commander Peter Eberle, RN were in attendance. Thatcher and Lord Westbury.

Reception

Institute of Journalists
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was the guest of honour at a reception held by the Institute of Journalists last night at St James's Palace. Mr Barrie Farnill, president, and Mrs Farnill received the guests,

aling whom were:

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster. Lord and Lady Marsh, Mr. Leon Brittan, QC. MP, Mr. Tom King, MP, and Mr. King, Sir Michael Havers, QC. MP, and Lady Havers, Sir Zelman Cowen, QC. Dr David Gwen, MP, and Mr. Gowen, Field Marshall Sir Zelwin and Lady Bramail, and Sir Terance and Lady Section.

Dinners

Mrs. M. H. Grimwood, 80; Mr Keith Miller, 65; Lieutenant-General Sir Joseph Mostyn, 56; Miss Dervla Murphy, 53; the Right Rev P. C. Rodger, 64; Mr H. S. Tate, 53; Major-General R. E. Urquhart, 83. Reyal Society of Arts
The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Society of Arts, presented the society's Albert Medal for 1984 to Sir Hugh Casson and its Benjamin Franklin Medal to Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne at a dinner party given by Mr Martin Mere chairman of the society and Moss, chairman of the society, and The engagement is announced between Piers, younger son of Mr James Fox-Andrews, Q.C., and Mrs members of the council in the Adelphi yesterday. Among the guests were: Fox-Andrews, of Cheyne Gardens, London, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence

Fox-Andrews, of Cheyne Gardens, London, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Allan, of Rother Hill, Stedham, and the Hon Lety Biddel. Sr John Strauberton and the Plan Lety British Dr. Edward Lety British Biddel. Sr John Strauberton and the Plan Lety British Biddel. Sr John Strauberton and the Plan Lety British Biddel.

The engagement is announced between James Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Furlong, of Mr and Mrs J. K. Furious, or Crowborough, East Sussex, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr P. G. Marks, of Linwood, Hampshire, and Mrs J. B. Marks, of Evesham, Lord and Lady Crobam. Lord Indiswood, Sir Bernard Braine, MP. Mr H Clykes, MP.

University news

Forces Help Society

The showroom and offices of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts workshops at 122 Brompton Road, London, SW3, are being refurbished and should reopen in the new year when a new range of furniture, baskets, and brushes will be on display. For further infor-mation please ring 01-589 3243.

Latest wills Meredith Frampton, of Mere, Wiltshire, the portrait painter, left estate valued at £120,528 net.

Elsie Melitta Butler, of York, left estate valued at £1,088,812 net. Bequests include £1,000 to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Other estates include (net, before

tax paid): Davis, Mr Stanley Ernest Frost, Romford, Essex..

Wales. He takes up his new appointment on January 1.
University College, Cardiff Everett, Mrs Aileen Dorothy, of Milford on Sea, Hampshire £339,630

How Israel outwitted an invader

Science report

By Stephen Young Israeli zoologists recently encoun-tered a carious problem. Woodpeckers have taken to drilling holes in the plastic irrigation pipes used in orchards and other

And, as if to add insult to injury, the species responsible for the attacks is none other than Dendrocopos syriacus, the Syrian

woodpecker.

Leaky pipes are a drain on resources and poor irrigation can reduce the eventual value of a crop.

reduce the eventual value of a crop. So the aberrant woodpeckers must be brought under control.

However, conventional techniques, such as hiding the pipes under vegetation and attempts at poisoning the birds, have proved unreliable. Besides, the woodpecker normally does the fruit grower a service by eating the larvae of wood-boring beeties; if the birds were exterminated, there might be serious consequences.

Anat Barnes and Yoram Your-Toy, of Tel Aviv University, set out to find a solution and their findings are published in a recent issue of Crop Protection.

The opening move was a survey to establish whether there is a seasonal pattern to the wood-peckers' depredations. The results showed that simuser is the worst part of the year, suggesting that woodpeckers are drilling for drinking water.

The birds, however, apparently peck pipes even when other sources of water are close at hand, so the simple expedient of slaking their thirst with a more easily obtainable water supply seems ed to S

The scientists' first attempt at a actical solution was simple but genious: they replaced ordinary sek plastic conduits with collapsible pipes in the bope that deflated pipes would hold no attraction for woodpeckers. But the experiment was a flop because the scientists were unable to fool the birds, who continued to view the empty pipes as targets worthy

Recalling that bright colours such as reds and yellows, often serve as natural danger signals in the animal kingdom, the re-searchers decided to paint the pipes yellow. That move was a qualified success.

After a shaky start, such pipes After a shary start, such pipes did seem to deter the local woodpeckers. Damage sustained by black tubing in the same orchard was up to normal levels, but the yellow pipes were almost completely ignored.

In a further experiment, the researchers replaced the complete irrigation system of an orange grove with yellow plastic tubing. No attacks by woodpeckers were reported in a year of field trials.

Whether the yellow colour really frightens woodpeckers is not clear. Perhaps the birds have not learnt that yellow pipes are as likely to yield satisfaction as black ones. The experiment will be monitored to check that wood-peckers remain wary of yellow pipes before the method is applied on a large scale.

OBITUARY

LORD HOWARD OF HENDERSKELFE

Former Chairman of the BBC

public service in which the immune from his roving atten- broke over it. The most notable traditional and the contempor- tions. He could be disconcert- of these occurred in the Spring ary were remarkably blended. A ing, and at times trying to the of 1982, when supporters of the Yorkshire landowner, he de- patience, especially when invad- Government, with the known voted much of his life to his ing ground where few but sympathy of the Prime Ministerritorial interests and re- specialists are accustomed to ter, vented their outrage at what sponsibilities, and especially to tread. But the genuineness of they felt to be a lack of the safeguarding of his great his, interest, his powers of objectivity in some BBC current inheritance, Castle Howard. Yet assimilation, and the pragmatic affairs programmes transmitted he was very much a man of his shrewdness of many of his at the height of the Falklands time, abreast of modern tech- conclusions, won respect. nology, unshackled by convention, and so much at home in impending retirement of Sir full of Conservative MP's in full the world of broadcasting that Michael (later Lord) Swann cry at that time, was likened by he became, not only an active from the Chairmanship of the some observers to the doggedmember of the BBC's Board of Governors brought into tenta-Governors, but eventually its tive operation the arcane Chairman, from 1980 to 1983.

George Anthony Geoffrey Howard was born in 1920, the Geoffrey William Algernon India and later in Burma, where he was wounded. After a period of attachment to the Indian Army, with the rank of Major, he returned when the war was over to face heavy family responsibilities. Both brothers had been killed in action in 1944.

As sole inheritor of Castle Howard, he was seated amid one of the great architectural landscapes of England, the early Earl of Carlisle. Sixty years later Horace Walpole would write of the Palladian mansion in its see at one view a palace, a town, a fortified city, temples in high places, woods . . . the noblest lawn in the world, fenced by half the horizon".
This mansion, with its works

of art and accompanying estate, , no difficulty in feeding my ideas presented problems of management which must have appeared almost beyond solution in the post-war world. The energy and resource Howard displayed in conserving it both as a home and as part of the national heritage, marked him out as a notable modernizer, and as a sensitive guardian of irreplaceable treasures. When the burden outran the family resources, a private company was formed, charged mainly with its preservation. Eventually a Government grant was secured to meet the cost of repair of the fabric.

One result that particularly gratified Howard was the restoration of the noble dome dominating the mansion, which location of Brideshead Revisited in its television version.

to attract public work, and he responded with zeal to all demands arising from his standing as landowner, agriculturist, preservationist and connoisseur. He served at various times both on Malton Rural District Council and on the North Riding County Council. He was a pillar of the Country Landowners' Association, and from 1969-71 its President ("one of the most dynamic they ever had"). Later he held similar office in the Historic Houses Association. He was active in the National Trust, the Commission.

His cultural interests embraced the Royal College of Art, (of which he became Chair-man), and the Yorkshire Philosophical Society. Himself a farmer, he became Chairman of the Meat and Livestock Commission, (1974-77). He served a born on April 17 1928 and term on the Central Water joined the Colonial Office from

Advisory Committee. In December, 1971, Howard accepted an invitation to fill avacancy on the Board of Governors of the BBC. His the Colonial Office until 1961, regional interests would in themselves have qualified him. but he showed wider scope. A far-ranging curiosity about all aspects of broadcasting was matched by a formidable

As 1980 approached,

processes preliminary to the appointment of a successor. The second of three sons of the Hon papers did not at first include that of Howard, but as the time Howard, a son of the ninth Earl for an announcement drew near of Carlisle. He was educated at he began to appear as a more or Eton and Balliol, and com- less fancied outsider. In the missioned in the Green event, the Home Secretary, Howards in 1940, serving in William Whitelaw, who knew event, the Home Secretary, something both of Howard and of the peculiarities of the post, decided he need look no farther. In August 1980, he acceded to the Chair. Howard was no theorist, and

his he never ventured in the course of a three-year term, very far on the delicate ground of the relationship between his office and that of the Director-General. He did, however, say, in one of those laconic asides to an who ultimately carries the can. I setting that "it was possible to am the titular head I cannot see how you can run an organisation when you have an executive Chairman plus a Chief Executive. The Chief Executive cannot then be other than Number Two I have

in". Nevertheless, it left the Chairbe known only when the records are opened. In the meantime, it is safe to say that he was no mere figurehead. He enjoyed one peculiar advantage. When he was raised

to his higher responsibilities, he was already the longest-serving Governor. He thus brought to their discharge an element of continuity which few or none of certainly no rival candidate introduced from outside, could have provided. This had particular relevance at a time when the long negotiations with Whitehall for the renewal of the had been damaged by fire BBC Charter, and the increase during the war. Arrangements of its licence revenue, were were made for admitting the moving towards a climax. His public, and further millions term covered the culmination were to become familiar with of this process in a settlement the classical vision as the much in accord with the aspirations and claims of the BBC. This was a collective A man so placed was bound achievement for public service broadcasting, in which the leading role belonged by com-

mon consent to the Director-General, Sir Ian Trethowan. But Howard's intimate knowledge of the BBC, and his whole-hearted commitment to its entrenched independence. cannot have been other than a powerful reinforcement, and this consummation must rank as the outstanding event of his Chairmanship.

Lord Howard of Hender- appetite for detail in satisfying skelfe who died yesterday, at the it No area of the BBC's which he served also came out age of 64, pursued a career of operations could hold itself when storms of controversy campaign. Howard's bearing in a Commons Comittee Room

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ness of a baited bull. Less known to the world, but more congenial to a versatile mind, was his capacity to maintain dialogue with broad-casters of widely varying disciplines, including engineering This gave him a particular. command of the intricacies of cable and satellite, increasingly under discussion as his term progressed. His knowledge of building enabled him to become the driving force in preparations for the new radio centre on the site of the Langham in Portland Place, and in the choice of an architect for it - work which he himself would probably have regarded as his main personal achievement.

He had also "a taste for celebration". The great service masterpiece of Vanbrugh, interviewer, which were as sixuem anniversally recommended in 1714 for the third preferred medium of public his conception, carried through the conception of those who favoured a more modest

Howard was a man of somewhat formidable presence. inclining to the portly, who could be wittily expansive, formally correct, or, on occasion, dauntingly brusque. Both his observance of polite convention and his propensity to thrust it unceremoniously man latitude. How far Howard aside, had alike a certain chose to avail himself of it can arbitrary air, inherited from an aristocratic past. His occasional extravagances of dress, (as, for instance, when he assumed the well-known caftan), conveyed, not a sense of yielding to permissive fashion, but rather of his feeling himself above fashion. But there were always other dimensions in a complex personality. It was the grandee in him that sometimes gave the his fourteen predecessors, and impression that the whole world was merely an extension of Castle Howard.

It was perhaps most of all the Whig in him which gave the underlying sense of the worth of the individual, the eye for new horizons, and the feel for the concrete and the practical, which guided him through an unusual career of unbroken public service.

accessible. An intimate circle testified to qualities of sensitivity, kindliness and domestic affection which a proud reserve tended to conceal. In 1948 hemarried LadyCecilia FitzRoy, a daughter of the eighth Duke of Grafton, who bore him four sons. She shared his deenfeeling for Castle Howard, and supported him in his work for it, until her untimely death in 1974,

He was created a Life Peer in

MR PERCY NORRIS

Mr Percy Norris, OBE, who York Georgian Society, and a was shot dead in Bombay Member of the National Parks yesterday at the age of 56, had been Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay for six weeks. His career had been on the Consular and commercial side of the diplomatic service and he had made a great success of selling British goods abroad.

> school as a junior clerk in 1945. With a break for national service in the Royal Navy from 1947 to 1949 he was to serve in He was at the Commonwealth Relations Office in 1961 and then went to Kuala Lumpur

where he stayed from 1961 to 1965. From 1966 he was second Secretary (Admin and Consu-

lar) at Lagos and from 1970 Second Secretary (Commercial) at Brussels.

He was seconded to the Department of Trade and Industry as First Secretary from 1972 to 1975 in which year he went to Philadelphia where he remained as Consul/First Secretary (Commercial) until 1980 when he was appointed First Secretary (Commercial and Consular) in Dubai.

Known to his colleagues as a large and energetic man, Norris was highly successful on behalf of visiting British businessmen and worked hard at selling British goods, a quality recognized in his appointment as OBE in the New Years Honours list, this year. He is survived by his wife

Angela whom he married in 1951, a son, and a daughter.

FORTHCOMING AUCTIONS THIS SEASON Wednesday 5th December at 6pm FINE SPORTING AND LIVESTOCK PICTURES

SPORTING GUNS AND ANIMALIER BRONZES This is our fourth sale to roine ide with the famous Royal Smithfield Show. Included is a fine oil painting by John Frederick Herring Senior, entitled The Harrowing Team, and works by Thomas Sidney Cuoper, Hendrick Van de Saude Bakhuyzen, Thomas Blinks, George Wright and Samuel Spode. Cood quality guns including a Holland and Holland Royal 12 Bore. for further information please contact John Bennett.

Thursday 6th December at 1 Iam ORIENTAL CARPETS AND RUGS An interesting selection of good carpets and rugs including a Teheran Carpet, a Donegal Carpet. a Ziegler Carpet, an Isphahan Rug and a Sennah-Hamadan Rug.

For further information please contact Tim Ritchie. Friday 7th December at I lam

DECORATIVE ARTS, DOULTON WARE AND ART POTTERY Including a Doulton exhibition ower measuring over six feet in height, modelled by Mark V. Marshall for the Columbian World Fair in Chicago 1893. Also including dinner services by Clarice Cliff: Mintona Majolica spill vase; glass by Laliquet Victorian musaic panel in the manner of Burne Jones. For further information please contact Eric knowles.

Tuesday 11th December at 11am SELECTED SILVER AND PLATE To reflect the genial mood of Christmas, the sale will include a section of drinking paraphenalis

and of particular interest, a Victorian presentation ink stand, commissioned by lord Harry Yang on the repeal of the excise duties on hops in 1862. For further information please contact James Lowe. Thursday 14th March at I lam

MODERN PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS AND WATERCOLOURS Including The Fourth Lave Painting by David Booknes, Entries invited please contact Man King-burs Bonhams holds up to seven auctions each week. Please phone Dilys Malthy for details. Bonhams Auctioneers, Montpelier Galleries, Montpelier Street, London SW7 (HH. Telephone: 01-584 9161.

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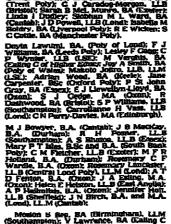
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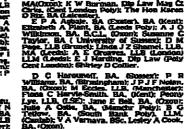














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The pound recovered some of Monday's sharp losses yester-day, as further reductions in

the United States. Sterling gained 90 points against the dollar to close at 1.2090 in London, also picking up two pfennigs to 3.6925 against the

Deutschemark. The sterling index rose by 0.4 to 74.6.

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Share prices in London were marked up in moderate trading ahead of today's closing date for the British Telecom applications. The effect was to lift the FT 30 share index by 3.2 to a fresh record of 925.3.

Confirmation that Monday's constrained to The Price of the Telecometer of the Tel

quarter-point cuts in US prime

rates were only a start was provided by Chase Manhattan Bank. Having failed to move its rates on Monday, Chase cut its

prime rate from 11,75 to 11.25

per cent yesterday.

The dollar was subdued yesterday as financial markets awaited details of the US

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Time for Sterling to unite his domains

The excellent interim figures of Steling Guarantee Trust (SGT), reported yesterday, heavily reinforce the launching pad for Mr Jeffrey Sterling's next major initiative. It is fair to say that if the hyperactive chairman of SGT does not merge SGT with P&O, where as chairman and saviur he is also riding the crest of the wave, his supporters will begin to question his strength of purpose, while perceptive institutional investors II note the loss of a major strategic opportunity. As timing is of the essence - for psychological as well as practical reasons — a scheme for merging the two companies cannot be put off. If the concept is right, the time is now.

The simplest, and probably the best, way to proceed is via a bid by P&O for SGT, which incidentally, now owns just under 20 per cent of P&O's equity. Once he is embarked on this course however, Mr Sterling cannot afford to fail: the loss of credibility and the consequences that would flow from it are too serious even to contemplate. Nothing can guarantee the success of a takeover bid; all he can do is to present both sets of shareholders with powerful logic and offer them terms that are manifestly fair. The logic is the more straightforward part.

Although P & O is thought of largely as a shipping company, it is, in the modern jargon, a service group. So too is SGT. which, in addition to its substantial property business, is in hand tools, warehousing, catering, exhibitions (Earls Court and Olympia) and security. The management approach for both groups is therefore basically the same; and putting SGT and P & O together would concentrate the top management under one roof. It can profit neither company if Mr Sterling and the team he trusts and wants around him are having to perform in different arenas.

The second point concerns the job still to be done at P & O. While much has been achieved in little more than a year under the whip of Trafalgar House's interest in acquiring the company, the real work has still to be done. P & O has perhaps £200 million worth of under-utilized assets and, by definition, it is deficient in certain areas of senior management. There is a detectable desire in some parts of P & O to revert to old habits now that the "enemy" has been driven from the gates. It is not in Jeffrey Sterling's nature to allow that to happen. He is also convinced, no doubt,

that to be master in one house is a necessary condition for P & O to achieve its full potential.

P & O however, has a distinctive culture which save, at times of crisis, has shown a strong resistance to change. Notwithstanding Mr Sterling's success in saving P & O from Sir Nigel Broackes, his is not yet every P & O man's cup of bouillon. He needs a steady ship and a harmonious bridge and engine room. One difficulty is a lingering feeling in P & O that he is essentially a man of finance and property, and, much more damning, a second Frank Sanderson come among them! Frank almost pulled off the unthinkable: a reverse takeover bid that would have left him and Bovis in control

With Bovis now a P & O subsidiary and propery as well as construction a significant P & O group activity, the doverailing of Bovis and SGT's property division must make a deal of sense. SGT's substantial property portfolio would be equivalent to money in the bank for P & O. A merger would also produce a substantially bigger P & O balance sheet – an important factor for an actively acquisitive group, as P & O would undoubtedly become.

So much for the industrial or merger logic: the thornier case to present would be the terms. For a veriety of practical and emotional reasons, P & O would bid for SGT, not the other way round. But because SGT's stock market rating is higher than P & O's, any sensible price likely to attract SGT shareholders, would inevitably dilute earnings attributable to P & O's existing shareholders.

There is a persuasive subtlety here, which if P & O shareholders were convinced of the logic and prospects of a merged group, they might have to take on board. The market valuation of a property company's shares is set chiefly by the worth (net asset value per share) of the company's property portfolio. This is a balance sheet item with little immediate reflection in the profit and loss account. It would however, represent positive value if subsumed in P & O's accounts.

The only question would be whether any wavering institutional shareholders in P & O and City analytical nit-pickers would accept that this potential value was enough to offset say a 20 per cent dilution of P & O earnings. We should not have to wait too long to find out.

The Oppenheimer legacy

neimer sieddeu Angle American he said that he would remain at the helm of the sister De Beers company while the crisis in the diamond industry persisted. Diamond prices remain depressed, but yesterday HFO, Anglo-De Beers, second emperor (his father was the first), announced that as from the beginning of next year he will cease to be chairman of De Beers and become again no more than a humble board member.

Henry's had been a remarkable career, with few parallels in international business. During his 50 years as a director of De Beers, 27 of them as chairman, the corporation has maintained its monoply grip on one of the world's most glamorous and - in good times - profitable industries. His contemporaneus chairmanship of Anglo American saw that company develop from being one of the world's biggest gold miners to an industrial and financial giant whose size and strength far outgrew the limited confines of South Africa.

When two years ago Mr Harry Oppen- Although HFO's good fortune was to of inherit much from his pioneering father, Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, it woul be churlish to deny that the present shape and global scope of Anglo-De Beers and its satellites is largely his creation. Indeed, so great has his influence been and so close the identification of these mighty concerns with his own name that the succession has long been the subject of speculation.

> The chairman desigante of De Beers, Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson, is liberal in the Oppenheimer mould - a Rhodes scholar and son of South African chief justice. But he is a corporate man, as is his councrpart at Anglo American these past two years, Mr Gavin Relly. The Family line of succession is with Harry's son, Nicky, who is vice-chairman of both Anglo American and De Beers.

> Harry Oppenheimer, whose influence will undoubtedly remain pervasive, has left those who follow him the problem business of maintaining a global monopoly. It will not be easy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Half-year profit up at Rothman

Rothman's International, the cigarettes group, yesterday announced half-year profits of £84.4 million against £75.9 million for the same period last year. Sales were £23 million higher at £779 million. The interim dividend is raised from 2p a share to 2.2p. Sir David Nicolson, the chairman, is retiring at the end of next

month

ALLIED-LYONS is paying an interim dividend of 2.6p (2.42p) for the 28 weeks to September 15, after pretax profits improved from £90.5 million to £100.8 million.

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BEECHAM, the pharmaceuticals and consumer producis group, has increased pretax profit for the half year to September 30 to £142.8 million up from £127.4 million. Turn-over increased from £950.8 million to £1,087 million. The interim dividend is increased to 5. 1 p against 4.6 p last time.

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COURTAULDS, the textiles group, reported pretax profits for the half year to the end of September, up 14 per cent from £47.7 million to £54.3 million. The interim dividend is being raised from 1.20 to 1.4p.

Tempus, page 16 LANCASHIRE Paper Group shares shot up 12p to a record high at 109p on the announcement that the company has received an approach, which may or may not lead to a bid, from an unnamed third

Currys sales 'success'

By Christopher Dunn

yesterday claimed that the new retailing formula of the re-vamped Currys Group was working beyond expectations and urged shareholders yet again to reject the £240 million-plus offer from Dixons Group.

which closes next Friday. According to Mr Curry, managing director of Currys, the group's first new superstore, which opened in Birmingham

A jubilant Mr Terry Curry in October, took £250,000 in its first week, and boosted central Birmingham sales by 70 per cent, compared with 1983. The newly opened Newcastle superstore has seen equally spectacu-

> Mr Curry also forecast record Christmas trading for the group. Later, the Dixons camp rejected the claims of the Currys Group as unrealistic.

Stockley wins go-ahead for high-tech park at Heathrow

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent £50 million of development

Stockley, the property devel-opment company set up by Mr Stnart Lipton, Mr Elliott Bernerd and Mr Jacob Rothschild, bas obtained planning permission for its 340-acre Stockley Park development close to Heathrow airport with £75 million of funding for the project from the Universities Superanguation Scheme. The funding is believed to be

the largest single transaction undertaken by an institution in the United Kingdom. The USS will have the option to own a plum site of 30 acres at Stockley Park and will develop 500,000 sq ft of space. There will be an initial speculative ent of 120,000 sq ft in three buildings on the business

park. The financial arrangen with the USS, which was originally involved in the project with Trust Securities before Stockley took it over, mean that the fund will put up

money with a £25 million 10year debenture loan at 10 per cent. The money will pay for the first phase of the developnt and for all the infrastruc ture works on the site. The costs will be high as the

scheme is being built on what was a rubbish tip. The land has been put together by Hillingdon Council and Stockley with the council handing over the freehold of its

part to the developer. In return, Stockley will build a golf course for the council. Stockley will then have permission for 1.5 million sq ft of space on the rest of the site for which it will have to find tenants and funding. Stockley will participate from any profits arising from the USS develop-ment and will be left with an ct in the shape of serviced land close to Heathrow, an area much in demand from electrical

and computer companies.

Stockley's shareholders will be asked to approve a resolution next month allowing the USS to subscribe for 10 million ordinary shares at 73p a share.

Planning permission and funding arrangements will not take effect until this is approved. USS has given an undertaking to Hillingdon council that if it withdraws the development facility or the debeature loan, the fund will either carry out the works itself or pay for their completion up to a ceiling of £16.15 million. This enables the USS to allocate £10.7 million of the debenture loan to the cost of the site works.

The USS is being advised by Jones Lang Wootton, the chartered surveyor, which will be the letting agent with Michael Laurie & Partners, Mr Bernerd's firm, and Grant & Partners.

the site works.

Stock Exchange likely to be ruled by single commission

Britain's financial community will be governed by one American-style commission with legal backing rather than self-regulatory agencies relying on goodwill to ensure the rules

A last-minute argument about whether there should be one commission or two separate agencies operating self-regu-lation has delayed publication of the White Paper on investor

Originally due out on Friday. it is now unlikely to appear much before the New Year. The Department of Trade and Industry says there are no significant problems and that it is not unknown for a White Paper of this sort to suffer

However, investment sources

Business Correspondent

The Bank of England is making up to £1,500m of extra

liquidity available to the money

markets next week to compen-

sate for the huge outflow of funds expected to be caused by the British Telecom share sale.

The massive market-smooth-

ng operation - one of the

biggest of its kind ever mounted by the Bank - was announced

last night after a day in which applications for BT shares

continued to pour into the

receiving banks in the City and

around the country.

Although no formal estimate

of the level of response was

being given by Klenwort, Benson, the Government's merchant bank advisers, the

final tally now looks set to be

well in ecxcess of two-and-a-half

that it could be as much as three million. The deadline for applications to be received is 10

Stalemate

in battle

for Cullen's

By Jeremy Warner

The extraordinary three-way battle for control of Cullen's

Stores, the ailing grocery and

off-licence chain, appeared to

have reached stalemate last

Mr Lew Cartier, the super-

markets entrepreneur, suc-ceeded in persuading G.T.

Management, one of the largest

institutional shareholders in

Cullen's to accept his bid after

raising his terms to £8.2 million. This has created a

situation where none of the

three contenders for the com-

pany can gain outright control

Mr Cartier already has

backing for his bid from Mr

David Cullen and G.Y.'s

undertaking to accept the new offer has given him control over

nearly 35 per cent of the group's

Ranged against him is the

32.4 per cent of the voters

committed to an earlier £7.9

million bid by Watling (105), a

company set up by three men who resigned recently from top jobs with Imperial Group so as to be free to bid for Cullen's.

The whip hand appears to be held by Mr John Fletcher, the

former Asda Stores group

managing direcor. He also has a bid in for Cullen's but owns

only 10.1 per cent of the voting

Cullen's voting ordinary shares closed 5p higher at 480p, 20p more than Mr Cartier's cash bid. There is also an alternative offer from Mr

Cartier, worth 260p in cash and

lecision to give an irrevocable

unless one bows out

voting shares.

o'clock this morning.

million - with some estimates Shadow Chancellor, fired a

It now looks almost certain Bank of England and the Stock design a realistic framework Exchange, have centred around having one commission and have been concerned with "geuing it right rather than early". The argument for self-regulation is that self-regulatory bodies may act swiftly to close loopholes in the rules where similar action by a Parliamen-

tary route would take years. An attempt at compromise is now being made. The goal is to have one commission with sufficient legal backing to be taken seriously but not so hamstrung by laws as to prevent it taking quick action.

Six weeks ago Mr Alex
Fletcher, Under/Secretary of
State for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, gave the City an outline of what the Government

1985-86 Parliamentary session. may accept. It came a few months after a 10 member confirm that discussions committee brought together by between the department, the the Bank of England tried to

Bank smooths Telecom issue

Geoffrey Pattie: will

see applications counted

when dealings start next Mon-

day, Government ministers and

officials at Kleinwort, Benson

are already preparing for the inevitable charges that the shares have been underpriced.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's

warning shot yesterday when he

told Mrs Thatcher in House of

Commons exchanges that Swiss

rose 5p late last night, after the wide.

By William Kay, City Editor

Mr Fletcher then suggested that the pyramid of power from the Department of Trade could pass through two self-regulatory bodies to self-regulatory agen-cies. There would also be an appeal tribunal and a roving role for Sir Gordon Borrie. Director General of Fair Trad-

one regulatory body, probably an investment commission, which will be dominated by the City's practitioners rather than by civil servants. A single body would also make it easier to

Any long delay may push the Bill into a possible election year when it would face the risk of

initial partly paid price of 50p.

He accused the Government

of bungling the sale and said the

practice of buying shares for-ward before an issue had closed would be illegal if it was done

Harvard Securities, the li-

censed dealers, said on Monday it had already done a deal selling 300,000 shares from an

by British subscribers.

The Bill would also run the risk of not being quite in tune with the rapid pace of change within the City. That developed further on Monday when Chase Manhattan, one of America's largest banks, gave notice that it wants to buy both Simon & Coates and Laurie, Milbank

Meanwhile, a clash looks likely soon between the Stock Exchange and the Council for the Securites Industry, the City's ultimate self-regulatory group. Both have published views on how to avoid potential conflicts of interest thrown up by the formation of financial conglomerates.

 Mr Fletcher said in a speech to accountants yesterday that they should encourage their corporate clients to seek early guidance on mergers and to make public statements as early as possible to avoid creating a climate for insider dealing.

Intasun bid rejected

By Alison Eadic

American underwriter of the issue to a London investment institution.
The Government also came under fire yesterday for the costs associated with the issue when Mr John Butcher, a junior Department of Trade and Industry minister, disclosed in a written reply that the Government faced costs of over £120m for the marketing of the shares in the City and overseas.
The Government can be expected, however, to make

much of its success in broaden-Intasun will not pursue its ing the spread of share ownership with the BT issue. Mr Geoffrey Pattie, the information technology minister, will visit o'clock this morning.

and US bankers and brokers the City tomorrow to see the With the shares expected to were buying BT shares forward share applications being councepen at a significant premium at a 40 per cent premium to the **Telerate profits lift Exco**

inconvenient part of London. It wants Comfort because the 20 Shares in Exco International from 11,000 to 14,000 worldin central London and Europe news from New York that The company's earnings Telerate, in which Exco holds a increase stemmed from a The company's earnings 51 per cent stake, has increased continuing flow of domestic pretax profits from \$36.3m orders, both from first-time paying too much for POW. (£30.2m) to \$58.7m, on sales subscribers and established \$46m higher at \$114m. users.

This has pushed earnings per Exco sees Telerate as the share up from 48 cents to 65 basis for an international

two new lntasun shares and share up from 48 cents to 65 basis for an international 130p cash for five Comfort cents, and the quarterly divi- financial information system, shares and 98 Comfort shares dend from five cents to eight through which investors will for 54 POW shares or a cash alternative at 98p.

by Comfort

Intasun, the package holiday group headed by Mr Harry Goodman, has made a £44.5 million bid for Comfort Hotels. in which it took a 14.97 per cent

stake last month. However, minutes after Intasun announced its bid, Comfort Hotels launched an agreed bid, worth £16.6 million in shares and £12.1 million in cash, for Prince of Wales Hotels. Comfort dismissed Intasun's bid as "wholly unacceptable" and its chairman, Mr Harry Edwards. said that price was not the relevant issue. Comfort's growth prospects are better if the group remains independent, he added.

bid for Comfort if the purchase of Prince of Wales is approved by shareholders at an extraordinary meeting. Intasun, as a shareholder, may well ask for an adjournment of that meeting to give Comfort shareholders a chance to consider the Intasun

Intasun does not want POW, because its eight hotels are either in the provinces or in an hotels it owns are concentrated Intasun's plan is to diversify into London and overseas hotels. It believes Comfort is

The terms of the two bids are

Comforts's shares rose 7p to 74p, POW's rose 6p to 121p and

During the year to the end of type of September, the number of Hurdles installed Telerate terminals rose Exchange, page 17 Intasun's rose 3p to 113p. Norway plans another oil price cut

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

ultimately be able to deal in any

facing the Stock

type of financial security.

contract into line with Britain's but is waiting to the last possible moment before announcing any price change for fear of starting a chain reaction.
Norway's crude on official

one-month contracts is priced 30 cents above the official market price for Britain's North

Norway is planning to bring barrel from the British National Britain and then Nigeria, forced the Organization of Petroleum Spot- market prices are more

than £1.50 lower and Norway's agree ne production cuts state oil trading operation, like Bnoc, has been losing money as it is forced to buy-in oil at its market price but has been seen its customers move increasingly to the spot markets.

Sea Brent crude at \$28.65 a which, when followed by be enough.

Exporting Countries (Opec) to

A spokesman for the Statoil said that Norway will try to hold off announcing its December price as long as possible but is already aware that oil traders feel that a cut to bring prices It was Norway's last price cut into line with Britain's will bot

Budget, but dealers said that the prime rate reduction had little impact. Further cuts, to take the prime rate to 11 per cent, are Sterling was trading at \$1.2030 in New York last night.

FT-SE 100 Index: 0000.0 down

(M.0 (high: 0000.0; low: 000.0) FT Index: 925.3 up 3.2 FT Gits: 63.00 down 0.06 FT All Share: 558.62up3.65 Bargains: 17,481 Datastream USM Leaders Index: 105.26 down 0.28 Index: 105.26 down 0.28
New York: Dow Jones Industrial
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STOCK EXCHANGES

Amsterdam: 177.8 down 0.6 Sydney: AO Index 752.5 down 13.0 1086.01 down 6.0 Brussels: General Index 158.21 down 0.29 Paris: CAC Index 181.2 down 0.5 Zurich: SKA General 313.00 down

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Index 74.6 up 0.4 (range 74.6-74.2) \$1.2090 up 90pts DM 3.6925 up 0.02 FrF 11.3125 up 0.0695 Yen 296.75 up 1.40

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INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates Bank base rates 9%-9%
Finance houses base rate 11

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US rates Bank prime rate 11.75-11.25 Fed funds 816/16 Treasury long bond 103%-1031% ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period October 3 to November 6, 1984, inclusive: 10.616 per cent.

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Interest hopes help index to record

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Shares, as measured by the suspected takover bid was about FT 30 share index, climbed to a to materialize. new peak yesterday. Encouraged by interest rate hopes and the expectation that the British Telecom floatation will be an outstanding success, leaders were in buoyant form with the index hitting 925.3 points, a 3.2

But trading was often pathetically thin. It was the absence of any significant sellers rather

Spotting the next BAT Industries takeover target has become a favourite stock market pastime. One candidate attracting increasing attention is H. Samuel, the jeweller. BAT is keen on the jewellery world and Samuel must look like a realistically priced short-cut for the tobacco conglomerate. The non-voting shares at 81n look a reasonable speculation.

than any buying strength which often confined to special situations. The more broadly based FT SE share index was 1,178.0

points at the close, 8 points below its best level. Debenhams, the department stores group, was an outstand.

amid speculation that the long

But the company secretary, approach".

Market men, however, believe that, even without a bid Debenhams shares are looking attractive. the reorganization directed so successfully by Mr Robert Thornton, the chairman, is clearly paying off. The Welbeck credit side it continuing to progress. With bumper Christmas trading in prospect the company seems eminently capable of achieving about £47 million in the year to the end of

Harris Queesway, a business associate of Debenhams gained 2p to 212p a high for the shares. Capel-Cure Myers, the stock-broker, has shown steady support for Harris in recent weeks, letting it be known that it regards the rating in the furnishings retailer as too low.

"We think the share price Demand was selective and should be nearer £3 than £2", say the analystis team at Capel-Cure. Given the recent strength in the share prices of rivals such as MFI and Home Charm - big store chains which are likely to benefit from changes in Sunday trading laws there is plenty of logic to back the brokers' "buy"

Good news from the Ministry if Defence helped Ferranti recover much of Monday's Mr Nicholas Webster, said: markdown in the share price. There has not been a takover The ministry has confirmed an order for upgrading of the radar system for the Sea Harrier aircraft, worth £100 million to the Scottish electronics group. The order has been on its way since summer last year, but Ferranti shares appreciated the

confirmation and rose 4p to

The snooker professional Mr Rex Williams is bringing his business, Rex Williams Leisure. to the USM via a placing of about 20p a share by Margetts and Addenbrooke, the broker. RWL offers a pool and snooker service to pubs and clubs. Profits for the year ending next Friday forecast at £165,000 (£91,000). About 55 per cent of the equity is being placed.

suffered alongside Ferranti earlier in the week of a £1,000 million Saudi contract going to French aircraft makers, also recovered ground, rising 10p to

tronics stock, was moving 308p. Investors are showing profitability. INVESTMENT TRUSTS

enthusiasm for Tace's 62.5 per cent holding in Goring Kerr, which in turn has shown some pace in its share price on news broker comments. of good demand for its detection systems products in the US. Goring shares gained 10p to

At that price the Tace holding in Goring is worth £15.18 million, or 240p a share, and Tace itself is reckoned to be doing well. Sheppards & Chase, brokers to the company, fore-cast full-year profits of £2.25 million against £1.22 million last year.

The shares of Security Centres Holdings plummeted 33p to 200p, equalling their low for the year despite the announcement of interim pretax profits up 53 per cent to £2.7 million.

The company announced it was selling its British alarm installation and monitoring businesses for £8.5 million to Automated Security Holdings.
ASH shares closed 5p lower at

Security Centres is also buying the whole of the share capital of Defence capital of Defence Systems International for £1 million. The company said the British alarms installation business would require a high, continufirmly ahead again; the shares ing level of capital expenditure rose 10p to another new high of to achieve acceptable levels of ing level of capital expenditure

Bank shares, after their distress on talk on Saudi Arabian problems, recovered strongly, helped by some bullish

Although prices closed shade below their best levels Lloyds, which was hardest hit by the sellers, closed 15p higher at 529n.

Insurance shares were also in form. Composites, helped by vague talk of bid developments.

Thorn EMI was in the wars, dipping by 12p to 477p at one stage, before closing at 484p. A chat on Tuesday with James Capel, the stockbroker and a selection fo institutional share holders caused concern. But later in the day, analysts began looking forward to a closer view of Inmos and its micro-chip productions. Analysts will visit Inmos on December 10.

were strong with Royal In-surance gaining 20p to 553p and Commercial Union rising 4p to

International Signal and Control kept up its cheerful response to news of a US acquisition. IS&C is paying around £31 million in cash and shares for Zeta Laboratories, a high technology group.

Also among electrical com-panies, Volex Group jumped 13p to 133p, close to its high for the year, after Monday's news of an almost doubled interim payment. The half-year divi-dend went up from 1.3p to 2.5p, although profits showed more modest progress in rising from £1.32 million to £1.61 million.

On the carmakers lists, Jaguar was again moving sharply, the shares gaining 3p to 220p on continued US buying support. The weak state of sterling in trade against the dollar also helps Jaguar, given the company's high level of trade in the US.

Automotive Products, the spare parts and components makers for the motor industry, was also gaining ground, rising 4p to 67p. The company revealed increased demand for its products at the time of its half year results in September. The Intasun bid for Comfort

Hotels International and CHI's offer for Prince of Wales Hotels, had the rest of the market's provincial hotels portfolio in a spin. Queens Moat jumped 3p to 52p; Charlotte Investments 10

Allied-Lyons falls foul of market fears

TEMPUS

Allied-Lyons produced interim figures nearly up to market expectations at £100.8 million, an improvement of 11.4 per cent. But the market, mindful of Whitbread's 15.2 per cent improvement, noted that property profits had more than doubled to £10.9 million, and

registered its disapproval in the usual way. At one stage, the shares were down 10p to 160p, before recovering to 164p.

The Allied board was probably slightly bemused by the reaction. Beer profits were ahead by about 14 per cent to £54.4 million, and the group says that beer volumes have held steady, compared with a national fall of about 1 per cent, and Whitbread's even worse performance.

The wine and spirit profits again look reasonable, at £27.2 million, given that the Christmas selling season is crucial to the year's overall performance. Food profits advanced by about 11 per cent to £25.1 million

Allied has some good news to tell on the beer new products side: Castlemaine XXXX is now moving towards national distribution. Tables wines, where volume really matters, enjoyed a sharp lift-off in demand after the Budget, and sales gains here appear to have outweighed the tougher going in fortified wines and cider.

Private label business with supermarkets and other retailers is still moving ahead rapdily, perhaps helping to outweigh the selective impact on sales of the miners' strike. The market's fears are partly

the result of a generalized sense of malaise over the figures. A fairly depressing statement dit not allay this. Allied refers to acute competition for volume, accompanied by margin pressures, and this comment is validated by the low sales gain of just 9.5 per cent; Whitbread turnover advanced by nearly 17 per cent. The outcome for the year may be just satisfac-Yet there are more specific

causes for apprehension. Finance charges are ahead by £5 million to £28.6 million. The drive to cut costs shows up in reduced head office charges, and Allied is also talking about working capital pressures, after

cent of equity, and a mere I per cent gain in earnings may reflect cash flow pressures.

Significantly, Bass, which reports full-year figures next week, put on 5p yesterday to 443p. Its price relative has consistently outperformed Allied-Lyons' in the last year. Have Allied figures provided a buying signal for Bass?

Courtaulds

Analysts have been revising down their profit forecast for Courtanlds for more than a month so the textile group's less-than-sparkling perform-ance for the half year to the end of September caused surprises when unveiled yesterday. Pretax profits were up from £47.7 million to only A better than expected 17

per cent rise in the interim dividend to 1.4m helped to relieve disappointment and the shares closed 2p higher at 123p.

The cyclical downturn in man-made fibres, which began to set in towards the end of last March, is more or less the whole story. Exports, accounting for between a third and a half of the group's fibre sales, were particularly badly affected, falling by about 17 per cent during the first half as a whole though this was partly due to timing differences in sales to Eastern block countries.

However, all the signs are that the bottom of the cycle will be relatively shallow and probably no further away than Moreover, the downturn has given the company the excuse to trim back further on viscose capacity at its two British

If nothing else, the cyclical fall-off in demand has shown just how effective the group's five-year rationalization prothe effect of volume fluctuations on profits. Despite the decline in exports, the fall in operating profits in the fibre sector during the first half was a relatively modest £3.2 million to £27.6 million, and, if anything, helped by price rises, margins actually improved.

In the rest of the group, profits at BCL were affected by

higher tra and coffee prices. one off costs associated with Gearing is now about 28 per new investment. The clothing new investment. The clothing division, which relies on Marks and Spencer, continued to make spectacular progress on the back of greater operating efficiencies.

After recent setbacks, the shares begin to look relatively good value. But the answer to the old question of what the group will do on a corporate evel now that its house has been set in order remains as inscrutable as ever.

Beecham Group

Beecham's reputation as quality company managed to steer it through yesterday's somewhat mediocre results. The increase in the share price by Ip to 366p owed more to relief on the market's part than a genuine belief that the company had overcome its difficulties on the pharmaceutical side.

Pretax profits of £142.8 million, up by 12 per cent, were flattered by the full six months' benefit of the rights issue. After stripping out this and the effect of the acquisitions, the underlying growth looks much less

The group is still suffering from problems in Nigeria, where import licences for pharmaceuticals are just beginning to trickle through again. and Japan where the effects of drug price cutting still bite hard. Beecham estimates these two countries cost the group £10 million in lost profits.

There are still problems in Britain's pharmaceutical business which is at best stagnant. The Government's efforts to curb drug prices are forcing the group to finance operations from the more successful consumer products where brand names such as Lucozade and Horlicks remain strong.

The bright spot for Bee-chams is the United States which now contributes a third gramme has been in limiting of the group profits and will aspects of the US activities improvefd and the antibiotics Augmentin had a successful launch in September. Full year profits of £315

million are in sight, boosted by favourable currency fluctuations However the increased tax charge will hit earnings per

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John Gunn, who vaulted the Berlin wall, explains to William Kay the hurdles facing the Stock Exchange

Why London will have to go international

Mr John Gunn, the outspoken chairman of Exco International, makes no bones about it. He thinks many of the present members of the London Stock Exchanges are in for a rude shock when freely negotiated brokers' commissions are introduced in 1986. "Everyone is saying things must change and fervently hoping they will not".

Exco International, the City has made it possible for them to money broking group, is one of the Stock Exchange outsiders which is determined to make an impact when the Big Bang happens. It has bought a 29 per cent stake in a stockbroking Galloway and Pearson. and is setting up an inter-dealer broker operation.

And more yet: Exco controls Telerate, an electronic financial information system, which Mr Gunn cogently argues is far superior to Topic, the screen-based system at present distributed round the offices of London's brokers, jobbers and anyone else prepared to sub-scribe. This "superiority" how-ever, would be seen in full,

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state-of-the-art flower only if and when the Stock Exchange agrees to full disclosure of the price and volume in which deals are done. Not surprisingly that is another issue on which

Mr Gunn has firm views. I believe that one of the greatest tasks for the Stock Exchange is to make inforgreatest tasks for the Stock to use my foreign language and Exchange is to make infortravel abroad, he admits mation about volume and price today. He soon gravitated to the totally available to as many people as possible. They are Manchester, and thence to going to need a lot more volume dealing in London. At this stage and more market-makers to an early ability with mental interest people in coming into arithmetic came to the fore.

As for the present system, Mr Gunn says: "It is absolutely prehistoric. It is a disgrace. Availability and transparency of information is the greatest aid

to liquidity in any market." "Information is as important as any of the changes being proposed. I am a great believer that the advent of reliable and full 24-hour information systems - and I am talking about Reuters and Telerate - have made people happier to be in the foreign exchange markets. It

see where the market is, and to see how to get out of situations. It is the out you have to be confident about."

The fact that Exco, a money broker converted into a wide financial services group, has an axe to grind does not invalidate his arguments. Any newcomer is bound to arrive with a fresh pair of eyes. In fact, the stock market is going to have to get used to such uncompromising observations from the likes of Mr Gunn, and his foreign counterparts, over the next few

Being an outsider is no hardship to him. He freely admits he has always been a loner, from the time when, as a child, he used to go for long bicycle rides through the Cheshire countryside. He read German at Nottingham University and spent a lot of time in his early twenties helping East Germans to cross the Berlin wall. That is how he met his wife, Renate: she left the east two days before the wall went

It was expediency which led him to seek a job with Barclays Bank. "The banks seemed to offer the prospect of being able foreign exchange department in Manchester, and thence to

But for people of Mr Gunn's experience Barclays could not compete with the salaries being offered by other firms in the City. He moved into money broking and before long found himself at the head of a group of young dealers running a firm which, for the want of some-thing better, they called Exco: the accountancy textbooks always use "X Co." as the name of the anonymous firm in thier



pretension suited him. "That ear in Berlin was the most formative year of my life", he recalls. "It enabled me to spend time away from England, in another culture. When I returned, for the first few weeks I found it easier to speak German than English. So I do not take a particularly English view of the world around me. The experi-

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ence has enabled me to build a business that is never more than 20 per cent in this country."

Nowadays, Exco is involved in a wide range of financial services, from money broking to unit trusts, in an unbroken 24-hour-a-day chain that spans the globe. It has certain obvious The anonymity and lack of gaps, including the need for a

place on the stock exchanges of

Tokyo and New York. But the skeleton is in place, and Mr Gunn is interested in any type of role as a financial intermediary, anywhere in the

Of the forthcoming develop-ments in London, he says: "The big question is whether all the capital is being put in in concentrated enough form for the British market makers in gilts or equities to capture a sufficient share of the market, given that some of the big American or Japanese nouses have not made a move.' In that light, Mr Gunn feels

that it is more important to acquire people than ready-made companies. "The able people will become much sought after and very expensive", he pre-dicts. "That cost structure is going to change quite considerably, in that you are likely to have a smaller number of really active participants, but those who make it will earn more. I think we will see tremendous labour mobility. It's going to be very hard for some institutions

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

to compete if they do not have the right salary package." He maintains that the Lon-

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

ing. You cannot treat our market in isolation. We in London have been a goldfish bowl, and it has to change. It is only when people cling to outmoded privileges for too don Stock Exchange has been slow to react to he changing climate, doing very little to make London an international "There's been no incentive for the firms on the stock market to become inter-nationally minded."

Mr Gunn expects that Britain will have between two and four

firms in the international superleague of securities houses, which will be about our due. The ones being set up by Barelays and National Westminister banks should do well. He thinks it unlikely that the group based on Mercury Securities will achieve that status; rather. it will be in the second division, along with the likes of Sachroders and Kleinwort, Benson. Below that will be out-and-out brokers, and a number of "boutique" businesses offering specialized services.

"There will be a lot of consolidation. Many London firms will find it difficult to stay as they are. A lot will not survive. We have seen it in the discount market. The way people tritely say 'We will make a market in this or that' without having done it before, is brave if not foolhardy. And there are those who will take a longerterm view and try to buy a market share."

In the process, we are likely to repeat the US experience of a messy shakeout. Mr Gunn believes that may be no bad thing. The whole thing is going to become slicker, more pro-fessional, more mindful of the customer", he says. "I see it opening up. The stock market trading will tend to become like foreign exchange and bond trading wherever there is a market open, stocks will be

traded."
Some, like ICI or British Telecom, will be like the sterling-dollar or dollar-yen exchange rates, traded everywhere, all the time. That in turn will gradually remove the drama associated with dealing in foreign stocks, leading to more international markets. Such an outcome would be Exco's position, with the global spread and inbuilt expertise in the money and foreign exchange markets, which will increasingly act as the lubricant for securities trading of all kinds.

Mr Gunn urges caution against any glib self-confidence about such frameworks. "The phrase, 'international securities house', trips off the tongue, but it is quite a staggering undertak-

OTHER PRATES

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

(HOLDINGS) has agreed to buy the assets and undertaking of the British electronic security business of security Centres Holdings. The price is estimated at £6.5 million, payable at completion, with a further £2 million payable over five years.

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HOLDINGS has conditionally agreed to buy Defence Systems
International for an initial price of (£1 million) half-year to Sept. 30.
Figures in millions. £2.7 (£1.76)
Turnover £14.38 (£8.79) Interim payment 1p (0.9p).

MINVESTMENT CO: Half-year

● INVESTMENT CO: Half-year to Sept 30. Pretax profit £690,000 ● JOHN CARR (DONCASTER): Year to Sept 30. Figures in millions Turnover £47.21 (41,46). Pretax profit £7.81 (£7.04) Total dividend raised from 1.24p (adjusted) to 1.45p a share. PARKLAND TEXTILE: Half-

year to Aug 31. Interim 1.6p (same). Figs in £000, Group turnover 24,785 (20,428). Pretax profit 91 (807).

WHITBREAD'S retail division has strengthened its position as a discotheque-owner with the acquisition of Ray Bain Holdings. This purchase of six discos for £1.1 million will give Whitbread a total of 33. ● HILL THOMSON & CO.

Results for six months to July 31. (Figures in £000). Turnover, excluding duty, 4,653 (3,810). Pretax profit, 483 (473). Tax 160 (4). leisure. Even if you pay more you pay with more certainty." STOCKLAKE HOLDINGS: The chairman, Mr A. M. McKay, says in his annual statement that the On Friday, the City's leading revolutionary, Mr Gordon Pepper, of W. Gordon Pepper, group has continued to trade profitably this year. Greenweil & Co.

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AUTOMATED SECURITY • CENTURY OILS: Half-year to Sept 30. Interim 1p (same), Figs in £000. Turnover 36,446 (37,409). Pretax profit 148 (1,922). The board remains optimistic that after the miners' strike the group will return to record levels of trading.

 SAMUELSON GROUP: Con-SAMUELSON GROUP: Contracts have been completed with Theatre Projects Ltd for Sealworth. a new offshoot of Samuelson, to acquire the equipment rental assets of TPL used in theatre and live presentation activities, for £1.61 million cash. Sealworth has also assumed hire purchase and leasing commitments of £284.000 attaching to the equipment rental assets. to the equipment rental assets.

• GILBERT HOUSE INVESTMENTS: No div for six months to MENTS: No div for six months to Sept 28. Figs in £000, Gross rents receivable 229 (159), less property expenses 5 (4). Pretax profit 121 (28).

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Interim Results

Unaudited results for the half year to 30 September 1984 are:-

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973.4	1,064.7	Turnover to External Customers	1,038.2			
438.1	479.1	Turnover to UK Customers	441.7			
202.5	230.0	Exports from UK (including inter-group)	216.5			
362.1	386.6	Turnover Overseas	412.2			
28.8	43.9	Operating Profit - UK	26.3			
25.3	29.5	- Overseas	32.3			
54.1	73.4	— Total	58.6			
1.1	1.0	Share of Profits of Related Companies	1.9			
(7.5)	(4.3)	Interest Payable net of Investment Income	(6.2)			
47.7	70.1	Profit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation	54.3			
(2.0)	(5.2)	Taxation - UK (including ACT £2.3m)	(2.4)			
(8.3)	(12.9)	- Overseas	(9.9)			
(10.3)	(18.1)		(12.3)			
37.4	52.0	Profit on Ordinary Activities after Taxation	42.0			
* (5.3)	(6.5)	Minority Interests	(4.0)			
* 32.1	45.5	Courtaulds Shareholders' Interest	38.0			
(0.1)		Preference Dividends	(0.1)			
* 32.0	45.5	Courtaulds Ordinary Shareholders' Interest	37.9			
*9.26p	12.00p	Earnings per Ordinary Share before Extraordinary Items	9.99p			
*Restated to reflect the issue of Courtaulds shares for International Paint shares						
The breakdown of the Operating Profit between Product Groups is as follows:-						
30.8	38.1	Fibres	27.6			
5.8	7.2	Fabrics	7.5			
3.8	12.3	Clothing	7.1			
11.2	8.4	International Paint	12.5			
5.8	6.5	BCL	5.3			
1.3	1.6	National Plastics	1.8			
(4.6)	(0.7)	Miscellaneous	(3.2)			
54.1	73.4	` :	58.6			

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IN THE MATTER OF ELISA COMMODITIES LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated the 18th October 1984 made in the above matters the Court has directed separate Meetings to be convened of (1) Trade Creditors (being creditors of the above-named Elsa Commodities Limited (hereligater called "the Company") whose names appear in the First Schedule hereig and any other creditors (other than Finance Creditors as hereinater titors (other then Finance Creditors as hereinal other creditors former than notice of their claims to William frederick Reflord and Christopher Timothy Esmond Fraderick Railord and Christopher Timothy Esmond Hayward or any other duly appointed Liquidators of the Company (the Liquidators) not less than 48 hours before the meeting of the Trade Creditors) and (2) Finance Creditors (being the creditors of the Company whose names appear in the Second Schedule hereto and any other Bank or creditor for monies lent or advances made to or on behalf of the Company and who gives written notice of its claim to the Liquidators not less than 48 hours before the meeting of the Finance Creditors) for the purpose of considering and if thought if approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and (1) its Trade Creditors and (2) its Finance Creditors and that such Meetings will be held at 1 Puddle Dock. London EC4V 3PD, England, on Wednesday the 19th December 1984, at the respective times below mentioned, namely:

(1) The Meeting of the Trade Creditors at 10 o'clock in the (2) The Meeting of the Finance Creditors at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for so soon thereafter as the preceding Meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned) at which place and respective times all the aloresaid frade Creditors and Finance Creditors are requested

Any person entitled to attend the said Meetings can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms, Proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished.

pursuant to Section 207 of the above-mentioned Act, at the offices of William Frederick Ratford and Christopher Timothy Esmond Hayward, the joint Liquidators of the Company at 1 Puddiel Dock, Blackfrlars, London EC4V 3PD. England, and at the office of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usef business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meetings.

THE SAID TRADE CREDITORS AND FINANCE CREDITORS MAY VOTE IN PERSON AT SUCH OF THE SAID MEETINGS AS THEY ARE ENTITLED TO ATTEND OR THEY MAY APPOINT ANOTHER PERSON WHETHER A CREDITOR OF THE CLASS OR NOT AS THEIR PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE IN THEIR STEAD.

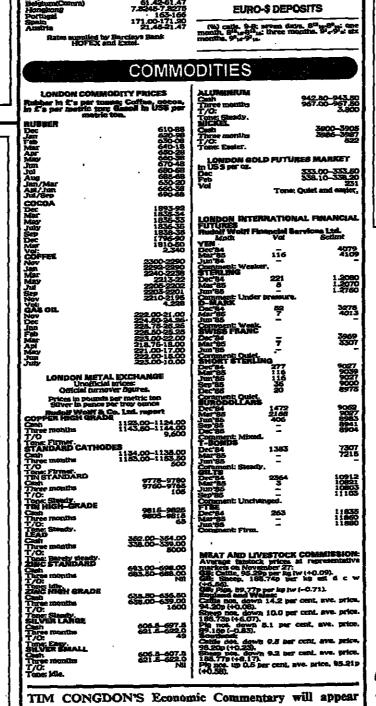
It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with the said William Frederick Ratiord and Christopher Timothy Esmond Hayward at 1 Puddle Dock, London ECAV 3PD, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meetings, but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting at which they are By the said Order the Court has appointed William Frederick Rationd or falling him Christopher Tampithy Semond Hayward to act as Cheimnan of each of the said Meetings and has directed the Chairman to report the

results thereof to the Court. The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the sequent approval of the Court. DATED this 20th day of November 1984.

Messrs. Travers Smith, Braithwaite & Co., 6 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2AL. licitors for the said Joint Liquidators of the above-named

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FOOTBALL: MANCHESTER UNITED STRUGGLE WITH INJURIES AND TOTTENHAM JUGGLE WITH PLAYERS **Atkinson draws** a dark veil over defensive

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Shreeves values his

missing link

problems

The Uefa Cup meeting halves suffer from injuries this between Manchester United season, revealed that McGrath and Dundee United at Old would have been "my first Trafford might have been billed as part one of a new Anglo-Scot-tish war. But before the third round tie starts tonight, a crucial battle will already have ended in the wings of the main stage. England's representatives have been forced to fight for

their fitness.
Ron Atkinson has lost half of his regular back four, Duxbury and Hogg, and may be without the other half as well. Manchester United's manager will be in the physio-therapist's room to see for himself how Moran's back and Albiston's hamstring respond to treatment and only then will he unveil his

lineup.

His leading replacement is McGrath, the youngster he once forecast would become the best central defender in the country. Under normal circumstances, the recall of McGrath might have strengthened Manchester's ambition but he had a cartilage removed during the summer and has since played only once. for the reserves last Saturday.
Atkinson, who has seen all five of his recognised centre

Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham

Hotspur manager, regularly finds

himself in the luxurious position of leaving famous names – including that of Hoddle – on the substitutes;

bench and sometimes even in the stands, simply because there is no

room for them on the field. But one

man Shreeves would normally never leave out is perhaps the least celebrated name of all. Tony

"He would always be in my 11. I always prefer to play with two

wingers, Shreeves said yesterday.

But tonight Tottenham will
almost certainly be without the
significant left-wing contribution of

Galvin, as they defend the UEFA Cup in a third round. First leg tie

with Bohemians, of Prague, at White Hart Lane.

The harnstring injury which has kept Galvin out of the last three

games is likely to do so again.
Without him, Tottenham have
drawn the last two. They miss the
width he brings and his raw, often

unconsidered talent for thundering past the full back and crossing precisely from the most difficult angles out near the corner flag. It was his thrillingly-timed run and cross which put Tottenham ahead

FC Bruges, which Tottenham won 4-2 on aggregate. He is a strange one; when given time and space he invariably makes a bash of it.

Without him, Shreeves has been

tempted to play both Hazard and Hoddle which can be rather too much of a good thing. Hazard's towering skill, anyway, usually shrinks to the height of a blade of grass whenever Hoddle is plying his

trade. Here again injuries could resolve the problem, though Hoddle

will probably be fit, as will Falco and Allen; they all overcame their

and pains in training

would have been "my first choice from the start if he had been fit". But, even though his alternative is the inexperienced Garton, he may decide against risking him. With their defence enveloped

in such uncertainty. United's unbeaten home record, stretching back over 40 European ties, is under grave threat. It would have been in even greater danger if Dundee United's attack had been armed with Milne, their sharpest forward in Europe with 11 goals, but he has been ruled out as well. The marksman that Atkinson, Robson and Strachan all

fear is Sturrock, Their opinion may be unanimous but recent European evidence would sug-gest otherwise. Sturrock failed to score in any of Dundee United's eight ties on their way 10 last scason's European Cup semi-final, and has claimed only one in their four UEFA Cup matches so far. However, Sturrock did score five of his side's seven goals against Morton 11 days ago.

There can be no doubting

yesterday. It would, perhaps, be wiser to bring back Hughton and move Mabbutt into midfield, at the

are several possible permutations, most of which Tottenham have successfully tried this season.

Tampering with a team's mech-

anism can only succeed when working with very good players, such as Tottenham possess. I think

I can make as many as four changes

and still be very well represented,

Tottenham's record of 43 successive homes matches in Europe

without defeat is unlikely to be threatened tonight, but overall the

tic poses its problems. Whatever

lead Tottenham achieve will have to stand up on probably a frozen pitch in Prague in a fortnight's time.

It was against Bohemians that Ispwich Town, winners of this competition in 1980-81, had their most chilling moments when watching their 3-0 lead chipped

Bohemians are rugged, regular combatants in Europe and are of an averge age of 27 to 28. They reached the semi-final round of this

competition two years ago before losing to Anderlecht, unfortunately

beaten by Tottenham in last season's final on penalties, which

was how Bohemians disposed of

Ajax in the previous round this

Seven of the side represent the national team, and Sloop is a player

who caught Shreeves's eye when he saw Bohemians twice recently. He is

a skilful sort in his early thirties and dangerous at free-kicks just like his

predecessor. Panenka, now with Rapid Vienna. "I shall not want to

go to Prague with too much to do.'
Shreeves said.

away to a single goal in Prague.



Uncertainty surrounds the fitness of McGrath (left) and the form of Sturrock (right)

Dundee United's firepower particularly at their own Tannadice Park, but it is not confined to one or two individuals. indeed, no fewer than eight have contributed to their victories over AIK Stockholm

idol with

feet of gold

Inter's heavy summer spending -

The Milan club drew 1-! at

Fiorentina on Sunday, but their league title challenge is waning and the UEFA Cup may be their best

Brady missed the Fiorentina game through injury but should be fit to play, though Inter will be without their goalkeeper Walter

Zenga, who has a cartilage problem and will be replaced by Angelo

Hamburg, lost 4-2 in Dusseldorf

Their influential midfield player,

on Saturday, have slipped to fifth in the table and will also be

Felix Magath, scorer of the winning goal in the 1983 European Cup final

against Juventus, is expected to play after missing the Dusseldorf game

with a thigh injury.

His battle with Brady for midfield

control could be the key to the fie.

Magath needs to revitalize a

Hamburg attack in which Mark

McGhee is not scoring as freely as

the club hoped when they signed

him from Aberdeen last summer.

Casuals are

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expelled from the Ishmian League, of which they were founder-members in 1905 (Paul Newman

writes). Casuals, who in August were granted a year's leave of absence from the league to give

them time to bring their ground up to new standards, will return only if they earn promotion from the London Spartan League, which they

The 1sthmian League have expelled Casuals because they had told the club they would be allowed to return next season only if they did not join another league in the

meantime. Casuals had not offi-cially resigned from the league.

ATHLETICS

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ioined at the start of the season.

they also signed Liam Brady as their second foreign player - was almed to secure a return to the successful days of the 1960s when they twice

won the European Cup.

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instancts during the away leg but he, 100, delayed announcing his

Jim McLean is tempted to conceded a two-goal lead when forego the natural defensive they were within sight of the final. Tonight they will again step into an arena that will be filled with more than three

Yet Dundee United froze in times there usual crowd and, no the fiery heat of Rome's doubt, more than three times Olympic stadium last April and the usual noise.

Return of an Anderlecht aiming to lift Belgians' gloom From Peter Bills, Brussels

A year of discontent at home and said, "Spartak Moscow, too, are a Hamburg (Reuter) - Karl-Heinz Rummenigge returns to West Germany for the first time since his abroad cannot end quickly enough for Belgian football. The collective transfer to Italy tonight for the UEFA Cup third round tie between Hamburg and Inter Mitan. All 61,000 tickets were sold out traumas of the Standard Liege bribes scandal and ignominious end to the European Championship campaign and Anderlecht's UEFA last week as fans clamoured for Cup final defeat by Tottenham last last week as iams camounted for another glimpse of the celebrated West German, who cost later a European record fee of 11.4 million marks (around £3m) from Bayern May combine to make 1984 a variation on the theme of Orwellian

But one of Belgian football's favourite sons, Paul van Himst has led the renaissance in some style. Tonight in their compact Parc Astrid stadium, Real Madrid van Himst's Anderlect should further redress the balance of misfortune for a Belgium football public which badly needs some winter cheer.

Anderlecht's excellence (they are clear leaders in the championship, ahead of Waregem and F.C. Bruges, and threaten to improve upon last season's runners up slot in the UEFA Cup has been the most ntable feature of the season so far

Vet van Himst affable hut asture

sees others as greater pretenders to Tottenham's UEFA Cup. "For me Inter Milan are a great danger and I expect them to beat Hamburg" he

well known but, if Brady's influence is all it can be Inter will be the side to concern every survivor of this

Real, their name once synonymous with European football power, have not matched Barcelona's runaway form in the Spanish League. They carry an onerous burden tonight, as the last remain-ing Spanish side in European club competitions this winter. Negotiating Andericcht's severe challenge will occupy their minds wonderfully, especially as Lozano, their £Im recruit from the Belgian Club, has not played for two matches although he is in the squad here.

Anderlecht are without Vande-reycken but, with Czerniatinski in hot form, with 13 goals, and quality allied to supreme organization their trademark, opponents Real will do well to keep the tie alive for the second leg in the Bernabeu Stadium. The Anderlecht coach's greatest

wish is for a repeat of last year's ahead, including the winter snows. before that particular dream can

Forest grow in stature after run of success

Schools Football by George Chesterton

Forest go with confidence into today's local derby with Chigwell having in the last fortnight, narrowly lost to Eaton, drawn with a strong Highgate and defeated St Edmunds, Canterbury, Welling-Edmunds, Canterbury, borough and Aldenham.

Shrewsbury hopes must also be high for their match with Queen Elizabeth GS. Blackburn. They had two good results this week, beating the formerly undefeated Manchester GS 3-2 and, on Saturday under wet, windy conditions, Shepherd, their captain, scored near the end to gain a 1-0 victory from an experienced Charterhouse side.

Lancing continued their run of success with a 5-1 victory against

Bradfield. Bradfield dominated in the first half but failed to capitalize turning round 2-0 down. In the second half Lancing exerted pressure and Robinson scored another treble his fifth in the last six games.

Wloverhampion GS entertained Repton yesterday in exceptionally windy conditions which made constructive football difficult. Wolverhampton had several chances but the ball was so difficult to control they were unable to get on larget and the match was drawn with no score. This was a disappointing run-up for Wolverhampton, quarter-finalists in today's Wolverhampton schools'

Düsseldorf club's survival plan

players' salaries.
Fortuna. West German Cup winners in 1979 and 1980 and European Cup Winners' Cup finalists in 1979, said they would be unable to meet their bills from next

fortuna's temporary manager, about possible wage cuts.

cup, a competition which they have won for the last five years.

Dusseldorf (Reuter) - Fortuna Disseldorf yesterday put forward a plan for survival, including cuts in

larch unless action was taken.

Werner Fassbender, said he had received agreement from Bayer Leverkusen and Borussia Monchengladback to delay outstanding transfer payments on Fortuna's close-season signings Uwe Greiner and Jrgen Fleer. The club would ask Dssidorf city authorities to reduce stadium rental charges by eight per

Rideout off the list at his own request

Paul Rideout, Aston Villa's England under-2! forward, has asked to come off the transfer list. Rideout, aged 20, who was signed from Swindon Town for £250,000 before the start of last season, demanded a move after a row with manager Graham Turner three weeks ago.

Yesterday, Rideout, who has been left out since the disagreement.

resterday, Ridcout, who has been left out since the disagreement, admitted he had been a "bit hasty". His decision was welcomed by Turner, who said: "He has a lot of potential and I never wanted him to

yesterday less than to weeks after undergoing knee surgery for an injury sustained while playing AC Milan against Torino on November I). He says he wants to play in next Sunday's match against Verona, although he has not yet been given clearance to do so by doctors.

Alan Biley. Portsmouth's £120,000 signing from Everton, has

been unable to command a regular place at Fratton Park since Alan Ball became manager and has put in a written request to leave. He has scored 44 goals in 90

League appearances but has been restricted to substitute for much of the last two months, Biley, who shared a 42 goal partnership with England forward Mark Hateley last season, was previously at Luton, Cambridge, Derby, Everton, and Stoke on loan.

 Middlesbrough have made Stephen Bell available for transfer at own request. But the manager, Willie Maddren, will insist on a replacement before the 14-year-old winger is allowed to leave. Maddren said: "We have a thin squad already without cutting it any further".

The Leicester City have extended Peter Eastoe's loan from West Bromwich Albion for a second month. Eastoe came to Filbert Street last month for his second loan period with the club within 12 months, and has been a first-team results the author his team. regular throughout his stay.

Leicester's manager. Gordon

Milne, confirmed yesterday that

Albion had given Leicester per-

mission to keep the former Swindown Town and Everton forward for another month. Hull City made a £40,287 profit on the year ending July 31 - two and a half years after the official receiver was called in because of debts of £750.000,

Their chairman. Don Robinson, said: "It is our second successive profit and we are pulling the club round by running it in a business-

like way."
Robinson revealed, however, that the profit was due to outside activities. There was a loss of £24.246 on the playing side.
It is now more likely than ever

that Hull will go ahead with plans to turn Boothferry Park into football's first pop stadium. They have planning permission to build a covered stage, similar to the Hollywood Bowl, at the north end of the ground, and it is hoped to be in a c by the summer of 1986.



Rideout: staying at Villa

Monday's results

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Lescaster 1, Port Vale 0; Wolverhampton 1, //Wham 2 POOTBALL COMESNATION: Tottenham 0, Chaisea 3; CPR 6, Minvall 2. FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round replay: Corty Town 0, Stafford Rangers 1, MORRITT MOMES LEAGUE: Wealdstone 1. Chemi 0 SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Second round: Oxford United 1, Wenthledon 3.

round: Oxford United 1. Wembledon 3. FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Second round: Surrey 2, Hampehire 1 REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Essex County FA Army FA 0.
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Tennis: Sweden no longer turns a blind eye to the draft dodgers

A racket to defeat the call-up

Stockholm (AP) - A Swedish member of parliament has asked the minister of defence if the government plans to tighten loopholes in the law in order to prevent Swedish tennis professionals from draft-dodging, it was reported here. "They should do their duty like all other swedish men," Rune Angström, a liberal deputy, said.

Name of the current generation of

liberal deputy, said.

None of the current generation of leading players, including Bjorn Borg and the four Swedes ranked in the world top ten, Wilander, Anders Jarryd, Henrik Sundström and Joakim Nyström, have served king and country. All of them decided early in their careers to move abroad because of the high taxes in Sweden and thus became ineligible for the draft. Wilander, who will lead the Swedes in the Davis Cap final against the United States in Gothenburg from December 16 to 18, moved to Monte Carlo two years ago.

ago.

Only citizens aged 17-23 residing in Sweden are eligible for the draft, Borg. the five-time Wimbledon winner, reported for the draft in the carly 1970s but never did any military service after moving to Monte Carlo. Other players residing in Sweden avoid the draft by playing abroad when they get their draft orders.

orders.
"It's no secret that we all try to get away from it." Magnus Tideman was quoted as saying in Aftonbla-der, a Swedish newspaper. Tideman-ranked 130th on the Association of Tennis Professionals' computer. said: "You lose computer points and money and get out of shape by doing



Bjorn Borg: Out of the draft in Monte Carlo

Lieutenant-Colonel Per-Gunnar Nordgren of the Swedish national service induction board explained: "We don't chase them in foreign countries. We repeat the draft order and if they still not show up we finally notify the local police. But I don't know if the police ever caught a tennis player for draft-dogging. It's not our business." It's not our business."

Most tennis players have man-

military service. If the military takes a tougher stand the only solution is to move abroad."

Lieutenant-Colonel Per-Gunnar Nordgren of the Swedish national military newspaper that broke the story. Other leading Swedish sportsmen, including th skiers ingenear Stenmark and Ganda Svan, have served in the army, "It didn't hart me at all," said Svan, who won two gold medals, a silver and a bronze in cross-country skiing at the

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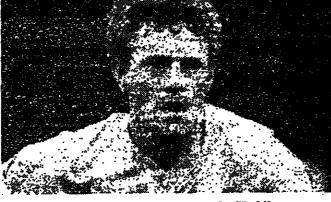
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Hazard: not an ideal partner for Hoddle

IN BRIEF

Novice hits hole in one twice in same round

Dave Drew, a novice golfer, was not content with a hole-in-one on a Gloucester golf course, yesterday. He went on to hit another in the

Drew from Gloucester, was playing at his club in Painswick, near Stroud, when he hit his first hole-in-one with a 120-yard drive on the seventh hole. Then, at the tenth hole, he did the same from 150 yards.

OLYMPIC GAMES: Paul Ziffren, chairman of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, said yesterday that only the committee's board of directors can decide whether to share the surplus from the 1984 Games with foreign teams. He also warned that "no-one has the right" to commit the Olympic money to others until the board acts.

In a statement responding to the former LAOOC president. Peter Ueberroth, who asked the com-mittee to reimburse teams for their housing costs in Los Angeles, Ziffren said that only the board can decide whether to share the committee suplus with the foreign eams. Ueberroth has called last week for

the committee to give about \$7m (£5.8m) of its estimated \$162m surplus to foreign teams that competed in the games, to show "that we're not greedy." TABLE TENNIS: Graham Sandley, second to Desmond Douglas in the English rankings, yesterday received a £5,000 sponsorship boost. Sandley is being backed by JFA Computer Stationery, a New

Malden printing firm, and bonuses

runner-up in the English Closed championships for the past three years. He is also sponsored by the Butterfly sports equipment firm. CANOEING: Tamas Wichmann, of

Hungary, who won nine world championship titles in a career spanning 18 years, has announced his reurement from the sport. Wichmann captured two silver medals a nd a bronze in four Olympic games but failed to win a

increasing by £1,000 per year.

could take his earnings to £10,000 in the next year. Sandley, aged 21, from Potters Bar, is a left-hander who has been Helsinki (Revuer). - Officials involved in the Marti Vaimio doping scandal should be banned from working with Finland's athletes, the National Olympic Committee said yesterday. Vainio, second in the Olympic 10,000 metres in Los Angeles, was stripped of his silver medal after a positive dope test.

Anti Lanamaki, the chief national coach, resigned on Friday after admitting responsibility for the cover-up of an earlier positive dope test by Vainio at the Rotterdam marathon in April. In both cases the Finnish runner was found to have used one of the banned anabolic steroid group of drugs.

The national distance running coach, Timo Vuorimaa, was several reprimanded by the Finnish Athericans in the proposition of the proposition o

title. He was one of the most consistent performers during the 1970s, winning two golds at the world championships in Belgrade in 1971, and repeated the triumph in Duisburg in 1979.

SWIMMING: The Scottish Amateur Swimming Association have named a 32-strong squad for the 1985 season, aimed at bridging the gap between youth and senior grades. The squad is backed by Esso, and includes girls from 15-17 and boys from 16-18.

FIGURE SKATING: The World

FIGURE SKATING: The World championships will be held in Tokyo from March 4 to 9 next year. the Japanese Organizing Committee said yesterday. They said 145 skaters from 23 nations were expected to take part in the six-day RUGBY UNION: Lombard Ship

coach, 1 into vuorimaz, was sectar reprimanded by the Finnish Ath-letic Association for his involve-ment in the Rotterdam cover-up. The Natinal Olympic Committee said both men should be barred from any further work with the Athletic Association
The committee called for a full report on the Rotterdam incident by December 18. It also asked for details of all dope tests on Finnish athletes during the past season, continued to the past season. particularly the national champion-ships in July in which competitors sould to qualify for the Olympic

Games.

● Peter Ngobedi. ■ 16-year-old ping have agreed to sponsor the Seven Counties Merit Table to the tune of £25,000 over the next five seasons. A total of £3,000 will be competed for in the current season, black South African, became the first person in the country to run 100 metres in less than 10 seconds when he was hand-timed at 9.9 secs at a meeting near Johannesburg on

SPORT

Melbourne (Reuter) - Chris Lloyd swept through her first-round match at the Australian open championships today, giving an early glimpse of a new training scheme aimed at building up her

Mrs Lloyd, the No. 2 seed, who won the Australian title in 1982. overwhelmed her fellow American, Kim Sharfer, 6-0, 6-2. Other winners included Pam Shriver, the No. 3 seed, who beat Camille Benjamin 6-4, 6-3 in another all-American match, and Britain's Virginia Wade, who put out Wendy White, of the United States, 7-5, 6-4, but the biggest upset was the climination of the No. 6 seed, Zina Garrison, of the United States, by her compatriot, Sharon Walsh, 46, 6-4, 9-7.

Aware of the ever-increasing gap between herself and the world No. 1, Martina Navratilova, Mrs Lloyd: cutered the gym of Stan Nicholas, the trainer responsible for Margaret Court's renowned physical con-dition in the 1960s

Mrs. Lloyd rightly views Miss Navratilova, seeking a seventh successive grand slam victory in Melbourne, as the only serious threat to her own hopes of extending a sequence which has seen her win at least one of the four major titles every year since 1974. "It's not enough to be a great player anymore ... you must be a top athlete, too," Mrs Lloyd said, in an obvious reference to Miss Navratilova, who is reference to Miss Navratilova, who is regardly regarded as the fitter. is generally regarded as the fittest

player in tennis. Miss Navratilova, the top seed, when she meets the South African,
Yvonne Vermaak, a Wimbledon
semi-finalist in 1983.

The local hope, Pat Cash, who
reached the last four at the US Open

Six New Zealand international

and Wimbledon championships players have graduated from the carlier this year, was also idle League's national coaching scheme, yesterday, but received some underlining the fact that British welcome news when the big-hitting players are tardy in undertaking the welcome news when the big-hitting players are tardy in undertaking the American. Steve Denton. was scheme. Leading the way is the unexpectedly beaten by the Austrian former New Zealand international

qualifier, Peter Feigl.

Cash, the No. 5 seed, was drawn in the same section of the draw as Denton, runner-up to his American compatriot, Johan Kriek, here in 1981 and 1982, and a dangerous grass court specialist.

Women's singles
FIRST ROUND: (US unless stated): P Striver bt
C Benjamin, 6-4, 6-3: C Lloyd bt K Straefer, 6-0,
6-2; H Sutowa (C2) bt E Burgin, 6-1, 6-3: W
Wade (GS) bt W White, 7-5, 6-4; A Lesnd bt E
Ptaff (WG), 6-2, 6-4; B Burge (WG) bt B
Nagetsen, 6-1, 6-2; C Nohde-Kliech (WG) bt V
Nelson, 6-2, 6-2: S Waish bt Z Carrison, 4-6, 6-4, 9-7; S Hanks (WG) bt E Smyte (Aus), 7-5, 2-6, 6-4; B Potter bt M Washington, 6-2, 7-6.

Staterid, 6-4, 6-2, 4-8, 7-6; t Laur Cockin, 7-6, 8-4, 6-2; B Drewett (Aus) bt

seven games of her match with Catherine Bonnet of France in the same time that it took the players on the next court to compete two. At the end of two hours, however she plays Renta Tomanova-Roth, of Czechoslovakia, for a place in the semi-finals of the LTA event at Miss Reeves' score was 0-6, 7-5.

7-5. For the second day running she found it difficult to accept that the she had known last week and the week before. However, in endeav ouring to explain why all but one of has gone to three sets, she confesse a little shyly, that she had reached the point where she did not feel wholly comfortable until she had lost the first set and was able to come from behind. come from behind.
On a day when Jane Wood

Monday's heroine, lost 1-6, 1-6 to Patricia Hy, of Hongkong the stately Mrs Tomanova-Roth met Elizabeth Jones, of Hampshire, who was in fiery mood. Miss Jones had been a set and 6-5 ahead but ultimately lost 2-6, 7-6, 6-2, The turning point seemed to come

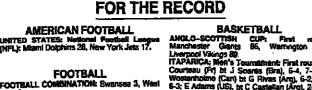
when, early in the second set tie-break, four good ladies, bound for a twice as effective after spending three years at Miami University, where she is bound in

PESILTR: Second round: K Dreyer (US) bt (Druu (WG) 7-6. 6-4. M Van der Torne (Neith) bt (7 sarbopolou (Gr) 6-1. 1-6. 7-5: P H (Hongkong) bt J Wood (Middissex) 6-1. 6-1: Rengch (SA) bt K Moos (Neith) 4-6. 6-1. 6-2: I Tomanova.Roth (7-next) be Tomanova-Roth (Czech) bt E Jones (Hampshire) 2-6, 7-6, 6-2; S Reeves (Kant) bt C Somest (Fr) 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; E Elabiom (Switz) bt V Paquet (Fr) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; M Weber (Switz) bt R Welser (WG) 3-6, 6-0, 6-1.

The Abbey nationals The British under-19 and under-16 championships will be sponsored next year by Abbey National

Building Society. The boys' event will be held at Marlow from April 1 to 4 and the girls' in Gloucester from January 2

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> Liverpool Vikings 89.
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> Courissu (Fr) bt J Soares (Bra), 6-4, 7-5, M
> Wostenholme (Can) bt G Rives (Arg), 6-2, 5-7,
> 6-3: E Adams (US), bt C Castalan (Arg), 2-6, 62, 7-5: P Koboledo (Chia) bt A Faloi (Chia), 84, 8-2: M Hooswar (Bra) bt A Jordan (Col), 6-1,
> 6-1; E Marrins (Bra) bt C Lesage (Fra), 6-3, 6-4.



Davis to pot.

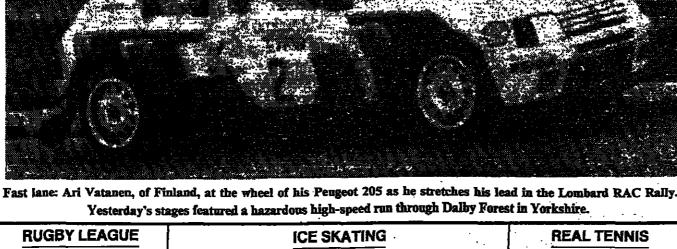
CYCLING ZIRRCH: Six-day race: Leading Standings: 1, 0 Wiggins (Aust) and A Doyle (GB) 28 pts: 2, R and Herrmann (Leichtmatchi) 17 at one lap: 3, 1 Kristen and H Rinklin (WG) 30, 4, U Freuder and Gisiger (Switz) 9; 5, R Pyren and Rull Eishof (Neth) 4; 6, G Frank and M Marcussen (Den) 3.

REAL TENNIS

CANFORD: Carrierd School v MCC (MCC)
rames first): C Dean lost to 1 Snell 4-6, 6-3, 5-6;
N Robinson bt N Patterson 6-5, 4-4, 6-2; A
Carriend lost to A Chalicavery 4-6, 5-9; C Winn
bt B Idundun 6-4, 6-2; A Alsten bt T Worsley 63, 6-2, MCC even 5-2.
LORD'S: MCC v Paris: Singles: MCC 1, Paris
5, Doubles: MCC 2, Paris 1- Paris won 6-3.
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MOTOR RALLYING

CHESTER: RAC raty. Leading positions after 31 stages: 1, A Vatanen (Fig. Peugeof) 4rr 40min \$5sec: 2, H Middotz (Fig. Aud) 4:44.50: 3, M Mouton (Fr. Aud) 4:52.58; 4. J Buffum (US, Aud) 4:53.57; 5, P Bidund (Swe, Toyota) 4:55.17; 6, J McRae (GB, Ope) 4:55.24.



MOTOR RALLYING

Fulham's future assured

By Keith Macklin

steps be taken to ensure the begins the defence of her title today, when she meets the South African, Yvonne Vermaak a Wienbled.

pressure on rivals By John Hennessy

Miss Jackson puts

The first stage of the British Figure Skating championships, sopusored by Tuborg Lager, threw up two surprises at Richmond yesterday. The compulsory figures were won by Susan Jackson, of Nottingham and Richmond, and Spencer Durrant, of Solihull. Spencer Durrant, of Solinul.

Miss Jackson, was the overall champion last year, when only fourth in this element. Durrant, the 18-year-old intermediate champion.

s making his first appearance at this Miss Jackson also won the short problem, with Karen Wood second. problem, with Karen wood second, to stead an early march over miss Wood, who is striving to recover the title which she was in 1980 and 1982. Miss Wood was third in the compulsories, with Maria Geier-Haylock, of Southampton, interven-

This means that the holder secured a lead of 1.2 points over Miss Wood, possibly a telling margin in the final analysis since it nts more than one placing in the free skating section.

Steady play reaps its reward

Miss Jackson was aided by the failings of her principal challengers in the last of the three figures. Miss By William Stephens Peter Seabrook and John Ward. amateur doubles champions in 1982, beat David Johnson, head Wood, clearly disturbed by the referee's insistence on her using a piece of ice other than the one she had chosen, went into the loops 1982, beat David Johnson, head professional at Queen's Club and Gerard Parsons his former protegé newly appointed to Petworth House, by 3-6, 6-2, 6-5, 1-6, 6-1 in the Open Doubles Championship, sponsored by George Wimpey, at Queen's Club yesterday.

Seabrook and Ward, who have represented. Great Britain in Bathburst Cup international area. this discipline.
Her highest mark was 3.0, and one judge, Gillian Lees, went as low as a punishing 2.0. With Miss Geier-Haylock, a figure specialist, simi-larly failing at this last hurdle, Miss

Bathhurst Cup international ama-teur team competition, were too steady for the professionals. Colin Lumley (unattached) and Kevin Sheldon (Learnington) beat Christopher Bray (Cambridge) and the promising Andrew Page an undergraduate, by 6-3, 6-1, 6-0.

undergraduate, by 6-3, 6-1, 6-0. Second round: M D Deam and C Romaldson (Hampton Court) bt M Golding (Troon) and J P Snow 8-3, 6-0, 8-2 P Seabrook and J Ward bt D Johnson (Queen's) and G Persons (Petworth) 3-5, 6-2, 6-5, 1-6, 8-1; C Lumley (unattached) and K Sheldon (Leamington) bt C Bray (Cambridge) and A Page 6-3, 6-1, 6-0; L Deucher (Hampton Court) and W O Davies (New York) bt D Cut (Lord's) and F Wille (Manchester) 6-0, 6-0, 6-1.

HARMONY ON THE HOCKEY FIELD AND DISCORD OFF IT

Now is the time for Selfless action

By David Miller

British hockey suffers from the impediment of its own history. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has meetings in London this week to try to resolve, among other things, an accordable way forwards. week as my bressive, among other things, an acceptable way forwards for Great Britain in parallel with the existing four separate national

Brave Miss

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Reeves of Kent lost the first

By Lewine Mair

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Associations.

For as long as most people can remember there has been an unarticulated but clear resistance by the Hockey Association of England's centenary staging of the World Cap in 1986.

Is the Willesden centre, where Britain won an international tournament this autumn, really suitable in the long term, ask the moment progressive of those who administer the game? Now is the moment to make a renewed approach to the Sports Council for establishing a genuine international centre, served by motorway, at spirited performance in Los Angeles

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spirited performance in Los Augusta-has had two inter-related effects. Roger Self's squad have won the ITV World of Sport team of the year award, their achievement in winning award, their achievement in winning an Olympic broaze medal emphatically preferred by viewers to Liverpool's fourth European Cupvictory or Torvill and Dean's Olympic gold; and the Hockey Association has been forced to emerge from its mute non-control. emerge from its mute non-cooper-ation in recognition of the potential benefits suddenly available to the

sport.
In the Sport's Writers' Association awards, to be presented by Princess Anne next week, the hockey team came fourth behind T and D. Liverpool and the coxed four rowing gold; it remains to be seen where the inspired hockey players will come in BBC's Sportsnight poll.

United Kingdom championship drew to a close at the Guild Hall,

the world champion, and Tony Meo. With a sparkling clearance break of 86. Meo went into the interval leading by four frames to three, having at one stage fallen 1-3

With a run on the last three

colours Meo levelled the scores in

the fourth frame, 48-48, setting up a

tie-break on the re-spotted black. Meo won the toss and invited Davis

to break, and the early caution displayed by both ended when Meo

left the black near a side pocket for

So Davis went into the first interval comfortably placed, but Meo recovered brilliantly to win the

fifth frame, also on the black ball. He could, indeed, have won it

earlier. With a clearance break of 57 up to the pink Meo levelled the

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division

Secretin's defence

Jaques Sccretin, the Frenchman.

£20,000 Dong-Ah Open Grand Prix

table tennis championships in Cardiff on January 17-19. China,

Japan and South Korea complete a

powerful far east line-up against the US, Canada, Israel, England and 14

ds his singles title in the

which could be augmented over the next two weeks in matches against Spain, Aestralia, New Zealand, Pakistan and the Netherlands in the Fakistan and the Netherianas in the Champions' Trophy in Karachi, offers British hockey the opportunity to make a bold hid for a realistic national centre in keeping with the fifth-largest participation sport in the country, and appropriate for England's centenary staging of the World Cap in 1986.

Is the Willsdom centre, where

It is not unreasonable that the Sports Council, with government support, should give the same kind of underwriting to hockey's World Cup as it did, under Denis Howell's leadership, to the World Cup for football in 1966. There is still time if

action is taken quickly.

It this sort of positive attitude which would make the international sympathetic to the idiosyncracies of the British scene and the difficulties in finding a cosmopolitan team from four parochial units once every four

years with a track record to justify its inclusion in the Olympics.

Other countries wold prefer Britzin to have it one way or the other. The scope for having a four-handed crack at the European and World Cups is less than popularly

seemed to be going Davis's way

when an unfortunate miscue, at a

stage when he led 34-11, allowed

On the other table, Cliff
Thorburn went into the early

interval leading the former Welsh champion, Cliff Wilson, 4-0. Wilson

is a prolific potter and plays an open game, unlike Thorburn, who has class, style and a great deal of determination, which enabled him to make breaks of 49, 41, 60 and 70

in the first four frames. Wilson checked Thorburn's progress by

SECOND ROUND: A Meo leads S Davis 4-3. Frame scores (Meo first): 46-94, 111-15, 19-82, 48-55, 82-61, 86-62, 97-34. C Thorbum (Can) leads C Wisson 5-2. Frame scores (Thorbum

winning the next two frames

SNOOKER

Brilliant Meo recovery

As the second round of the Coral scores at 3-3, and the seventh trame

Meo to step in.

associations are unsympathetic towards Britain's Olympic entry unless the home counties abandon separate identity on all fronts.

without the composure required of

Jackson, perhaps to her own surprise, stood out in splendid

isolation. She would have expected

number 7 consistence around (american) pushery figures); 1, 5 Jackson singinari) 0.5pts; 2, M Geler-Haylock uthampion) 1.2; 3, K Wood (Desside) 1.2; 4, Hamilton (Streatham) 2.4; 5, P Shellard uthampion) 3.0; 6, H Lesie (Mannum 1.4) (Mannum

decided whether to have a proper qualifying competition for 1988 – which it cannot really afford – or to continue with the present invitation system. Since 1972, when Britain finished sixth in Munich, there has Prior to the 1976 Olympics the

team was never able to play a settled side, lost against Belgium without its Scottish players, then lost a play-off also against Beigium. Kenya African boycott of Montreal, but the British team, hastily reassembled, never got further than London airport, where it spent 36 hours vainly awaiting travel funds.

In 1980 Britain qualified through performances in the Champions' Trophy, but were among the few British competitors to withdraw because of the Mescow boycott. Disagreement between the under-

financed, occasional Great Britain Men's Hockey and the Hockey Association, on which team should compete in the 1982 Ten Nations

necessary record to be selected for Los Angeles. When the Soviet Union withdrew in May, Self was given a few weekends on a shoestring budget to prepare what turned out to be an exceptional side.

The sure way for Britain to qualify for 1988, if there is no qualifying tournament, is to finish in the first five in Karachi, and to perform well again in next year's Champions' Trophy, given reasonable scope for preparation by the HA. Bernard Cotton, multiple international who has played in three European triumphs with Southgate and has been England under-21 manager for three years, has succeeded Self as British manager. He and his coach, David Whitaker, have a difficult job over motivation of Los Angeles.

Wales to their first victory over England in 1970 and their first triple crown four years later and who had outstanding success when invited to coach Southgate in 1976 -should be exploited while interest is at a peak and hockey clubs are experiencing a boom in membership.

"The most exciting thing in bockey is the cooperation between all the players and coaches," Self says, "There is a harmony which is still not there off the fleid." With an compete in the 1982 1en Panons tournament and the 1983 European Still not there off the field." With an championshin, England or Britzia, clouded the 1982-84 period, with the HA claiming priority for England's preparation for the European and World Cups. and the result that

SQUASH RACKETS

Title predictions risky

championships, sponsored by Inter-City, at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, from December 8 to 13, the top seed, Geoff Williams, who has so far beaten every British first string in the beaten every British tirst string in the league, its scheduled to meet in the semi-finals the defending champion, Philip Kenyon, the regular second string on the Tyrella league side. The Nottingham first string, Gawain Briars, should meet David Pearson, the beaten belief Williams in the

who plays behind Williams in the
Manchester Northern line-up.
Scalp hunting by juniors has been
a feature of the premier league so
far, however, and these champion 90-18. MONDAY'S MATCHES (second round): A Knowles bit Dernis Taylor 9-2. Frame scores (Knowles first): 76-33, 69-36, 63-7, 65-25, 64-28, 35-61, 9-81, 67-43, 83-30, 81-8, 71-1, R Reardon bit David Taylor 9-4. Frame scores (Reardon Grat): 17-92, 88-15, 68-23, 89-15, 12-71, 121-1, 67-42, 68-28, 71-39, 43-68, 99-30, 48-59, 70-31. quarter. Briars might have to deal

It is an illustration of the increasingly sophisticated competition structure in British squash that next month's national championships almost perfectly complement developments in the new premier league.

In the draw for the British championships connected by Interunder-23 champion, Jamie Hickox. Jahangir Khan seeks his fourth successive title in the world open championship, starting in Karachi

Jahangir, still only 20, has not lost a match for three years and eight months. When he won the title a

year ago, he became the first man to do so without dropping a game.
This time he has the further advantage of playing in his home city, with his father. Roshan, the world No 1 in the 1950s, likely for the first time to watch his son win ship predictions could suffer in the same way. The highly competitive Martin Bodimead lurks in Kenyon's Pakistan open for the first time I

IN BRIEF

Costly blow for women's Open

position to do so will go, and by doing commentary we would in no way affect the size of the gate. We never forget the blind, the infirm and the elderly for whom radio

provides their only means of sharing

in the country's national sport. Needless to say, we are disappointed by the decision".

MOTOR RALLYING: Prince Paul

Metternich of West Germany, president of the International

Automobile Federation, had a two

championship lost its million pound sponsor last night when Hitachi announced that they were with-drawing their support. The Japanese hi-fi company, which had planned to invest £1.5m over three years, pulled out following the BBC's decision not to televise the 1985

The BBC were understood to be unhappy about slow play and a lack of several top American players, including Nancy Lopez and Joanne Carner, when the event was staged

at Woburn this year.
FOOTBALL: Martin Edwards,
Manchester United's chairman, has
refused permission for BBC Radio 2 to cover tonight's UEFA Cup third round tie against Dundee United at Old Trafford because he believes their presence will affect the Rob Hastie, producer of Radio

are depriving many people who cannot go to the game throughout

hour meeting yesterday with Jean-Marie Balestre, the president of the French motor sport federation, to try and save next year's Monte Carlo Rally. The rally was cancelled because the Monaco Automobile for using French roads. 2's midweek sports special programme, said: "Because we are not being allowed to do commentary we

Club refused to pay its French counterpart a fee of nearly £90,000 SKIING: Blanca Fernandez-Ochoa. of Spain won the World Series women's Alpune giant slalom in Puy-Saint-Vincent yesterday.

the United Kingdom of hearing the match. We feel that any fan in a position to do so will go, and by doing commentary we would in no won individual silver and bronze medals at the Olympmic Games. The sheme is sponsored by Keymed, a local fibre optics firm.

BOXING: Larry Holmes, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight champion, is, not for the first time, threatening to retire after his next bout. Holmes, aged 35, plans to defend against fellow American, David Bey, on a date yet to be fixed. He is not likely to resume training until the end of December as he has an injured

An African witchdoctor, who accurately forecast the outcome of Gerrie Coetzee's previous bouts, predicts he will beat the American, Greg Page in the sixth round, when he defends his World Boxing Association heavyweight championship. "I'm going with the witchdoc-tor - round six," said a confident Coetzee at the pre-bout medical.

England change direction for Test that spin may decide

From Richard Streeton, Bombay

G. O. Allen, among modern

considerations, and Cowdrey's

nomination has to be thought of

picking up useful wickets and he

will not let the side down in the

Cowdrey has the knack of

in that context.

thinking about the first Test spinner. Marks, whose superior match between India and batting threatened to win him England, which starts today, has the off spinner's role, is now to be tempered by the excluded.

Instead, England have chanpsychological blow the touring team have suffered with the ged direction in their seach for British Deputy High Com- batting insurance by picking missioner's murder at breakfast- Cowdrey, and in normal cirtime yesterday. It would take cumstances his selection would more hardened individuals than have earned banner headlines. this young England side to Cowdrey left London with a remain unaffected when their strained groin and has played host the previous evening, at only once on this tour, at Jaipur what was a convivial family in the first fixture in India, occasion rather than a diplo- scoring eight runs and bowling

matic cocktail party, is shot four overs.
dead a few hours later.

It must r It must now be surmised that Some of the England players Cowdrey could play as the third understandably wonder whether seamer, with Cowans omitted, they should be starting a Test unless Allott is left out because match at this juncture, but the he feels any reaction from his tour will go on. A spokesman back injury. For the moment for the British High Com-Allott has reported fit. There is mission said there was no doubt that Cowdrey could reason to think the players were make more runs than Marks, if at risk. Since Mrs Gandhi's that has to be the criterion, and assassination the day they that England might be well arrived, it has been an ill- served on this pitch by a newarrived, it has been an ill- served on this pitch by a new-omened tour in several ways. ball attack of Allott and Ellison. with Cowdrey and Gatting as back-up, and Edmonds and Pocock as the spinners. Still to be confirmed finally is the third Test match in Calcutta, over the new year It would be hard luck on period, because of the civil Cowans, but the position might unrest which invariably acchange overnight. If the hosts, companies general elections in however, pick three front-rank spinners, including something

patrolled the corridor where the cricketers have their rooms; plain-clothes men mingled with other guests and staff in the busy hotel; and the atmandate the cricketers have been flexible to the country of the country Last night armed policemen enough to make certain that busy hotel; and the atmoshere overall was hardly conducive to Pocock can be included. a sporting performer's peace of mind. Certainly the England England selectors, was more team's heart will not be in than once proved correct when the bested and class in he backed pedigree and class in his choices, ahead of other today's game.

Nor is the Wankhede Stadium, with it volatile enthusiasts, who throw fire-crackers as other crowds in the world bang beer cans together, the ideal venue for players whose nerves must be on edge. While the team practised yesterday, spec-tators spuatted on top of the stands and thronged the roofs of adjoining apartment blocks. Frederick Forsyth would consider the Wankhede a marvellous backcloth for a sniper's

The Indian Test team are also concerned about their safety, and they refused to leave the ground until they had an armed escort as well. It is not, I hope, alarmist but a matter of factual commonsense to suggest that this Test match should have been postponed for 48 hours in the hope that more would then be known about those responsible and their motives for yesterday's murder.

Meanwhile, if England are able to fulfil their potential in this match, we should be in for a fascinating game. Everyone seems to agree that this Bombay pitch, which has already lost most of its sparse grass in the past 24 hours, should produce a clear-cut result. Three years ago agaonst England, the Indian seam howlers brought their side an emphatic victory with a day to spare and then sat on their lead throughout the rest of the series. This time it is the spin

bowlers who are expected to hold the balance of power. India are still considered certain to include three spinners when their side is announced just before the toss; England have named 12 players and must be given all credit fr including

preconceived cricket Pocock, their main attacking off field. If he does play, the family will join the Hardstaffs, Huttons, Manns, Parkses, Taics and Townsends in the list of fathers and sons who have won Test caps for England.

Robinson is the second uncapped player in England's 12. He is the seventh new opening partner Fowler has had since 1982 and they have struck up a good understanding All the main England batsmen have made scores on this tour, even if their techniques will now be severely examined

England have now gone 12 successive Test matches without a victory, equalling their previous worst sequence under M. J. K. Smith and Dexter inthe early 1960s. If this unfortnnate run is to end, they are: going to have to show remarkable character and skill and to have a measure of luck Indiawin (31 matches) but they do: start with the advantage of playing at home and they are also considerably more experi-

Gower has 65 caps. Gatting 30 and Lamb 27; but in. Gavaskar, Kirmani, Vengsarkar, Kapil Dev and Amarnath. India have five players who have made 360 Test appearances between them. They have the patient, solid batting which, is so crucial in India; and in-Kapil Dev they have an allrounder who might turn the match in half an hour with either bat or ball. India must be considered favourites.

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ENGLAND (from): D I Gowar (captain), G-Fowler, R T Robinson, M W Gatting, A J-Larib, R M Eltison, C S Cougtrey, P H, Edmonds, P R Downton, P J W Allot, N ,



Hyderabad passes test of time By Simon Wilde

The Test match currently taking place at the Niax Stadium, Hyderabad, between Parkistan and New Zealand is the 1,000th to be played. The 999th, which began in Brisbane last Friday, two days before the Hyderabad match, resulted three days later in West Indies recording a unique tenth successive Test victory.

The precise origins of the term Test match are uncertain, although

Test match are uncertain, although it certainly was not in use in 1877, when what is now accepted as the first Test took place. A number of carly Tests, particularly those involving South Africa, owe a good deal to the sanctification of time for their status, with the two teams often far from fully representative.

A thrilling win by A. E. Stoddart's side in Australia in 1894-95 created great interest in England, once news got there. England shortly after-wards suffered four successive defeats by Australia and firmer moves were made to encourage the best plavers to undertake arduous tours abroad or desert the more familiar atmosphere of county championship or Gentlemen v Players matches to play for their

The 100th Test match was played in 1908, the 200th in 1930, and the 300th in 1948. Since then the frequency has steadily risen: 16.4 Tests a year in the 1950s, 18.6 in the 1960s, 19.8 in the 1970s and to date, 27.4 in the 1980s.

27.4 in the 1980s. The Packer episode intensified the international schedule, with cricket boards anxious to keep the

top players busy to give them less inclination or opportunity to find

more lucrative employment cisc where, especially in South Africa. One-day internationals, begun in 1970-71, draw crowds and money. They are now as frequent as Test matches, but they are as far removed from them as jazz from the

classical symphony.

Aπ official title of world champions has never been awarded, tournament against Australia and South Africa in England in 1912. Unofficially the title was for long the property of either England or Australia, but West Indies held it in the mid-1960s and have largely done so again for the past eight years, during which they have lost

Playing record of Test nations: 1877 to 1984 First Test Played Won Lost Drawn Tied

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India	1932	221	35	80	106 ·	-	
New Zealand	1929-30	162	19	71	71	-	
West Indies	1928	234		59	92	1	
South Africa	1888-89	172	38 82	77	57	-	
Austrella	1876-77	446	190	130	125	1	
England	1876-77	606	222	157	227	-	

Boock may hold winning hand for New Zealand

est between Pakistan and New ealand was finely balanced after day's play yesterday.
At the close, New Zealand were
158 for eight in their second innings

after taking what could prove to be a crucial first imnings lead of 37 by bowling out Pakistan for 230. Javed Miandad was the mainstay of the innings, making 104. The feature of the day's play, which was 132 wickets, all but two

to spinners, go down for 229 runs, was the fine bowling of the New Zealand slow left-armer Stephen Boock, who took seven for 87 to pin back the Pakistanis, who were all out shortly after lunch. Often inconsistent at test level, 33-year-old Boock's performance was the best by a New Zealander in was the best by a New Zealander in Total (8 wits). Pakistan and he could record the SL Boock to bat.

best match figures for New Zealand against Pakistan.
Pakistan resumed their first innings at 159 for five with Miandad on 73 not out, but Salim Malik, Manzoor Elahi, and Abdul

Boock. In the last over before lunch. Zealand was finely balanced after the touring team, one down in the three-match series, had established a lead of 195 at the end of the third 12th test century which included 12 New Zealand lost four wickets in

each of the last two sessions, getting off to a disastrous start when Bruce Edgar was low for one in the first NEW ZEALAND: First innings 267 (J F Reid 198; Abdul Cadir 4 for 108)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-34, 3-58, 4-71, 5-80, 6-125, 7-149, 8-148. u-ou, u-1za, /-143, 8-148. SONILNO: Mudessar 5-2-8-1: Azeom 8-3-33-1: Jobel Cesim 19-5-69-4: Cedir 13-3-39-2: Zehoer 1-0-8-0. PAKSTAN: First Intings (overright 159 for Inte)

West Indies in a spin over playing Harper Sydney (AP) - The West Indies

face their most perplexing selection question of their Australian tour over the next week when they wrestle with the problem of whether to play a spinner in the Third Test. starting on December 7.

The tourists leave Brisbane for Melbourne today with their four-day match against Victoria at the Meibourne cricket ground duc 10 start on Friday. The indications are that Roger Harper, the off-spinner will figure in team plans for that

The problem for West Indies is formula of four pacemen Speculation has been mounting that the Australians will opt for a

second spinner, the left armet, Murray Bennett, to join Bob Holland, the leg-spinner, in the Third Test team. The flat Adelaide Oval strip traditionally favours the slow men on the final three days. It seems that the West Indies may compromise by including Harper, with occasional bowlers Lay Gomes and Viv Richards also turning their

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Boyd injury gives Williams chance with North backs

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Northern Division's exciting runners in one context plans for today's game against or another, the Australians at Blundell-Bainbrid Williams (Orrell), better know game. as a half back for Lancashire side's 6-6 draw. Orrell, however, and his good fortune is Boyd's bad luck, for the full back berth at national level still lacks a secure claimant. A good game today might have cast Boyd back into the limelight he

occupied as an under-23 player. Nevertheless, Williams is well equipped to join a talented back division. Given a reasonable playing surface, there is no reason why the North should not indulge their backs, all of whom have proved themselves. Referee: C Norling (Wales). well equipped to join a talented

the Australians at Blundell-Bainbridge gets the oppor-sands already disturbed by the tunity to test his lineout skills withdrawal on Monday of their against the telescopic Campbell. scrum half and captain, Mel- and an aggressive back row trio ville, were further distrupted will hope for a share of loose vesterday when Boyd (West possession. It will be illuminated than the possession of the illuminated dropped out with a hamsstring Norling - arguably Briain's looking to the possession of the look injury. He will be replaced by leading referee - makes of the

Colclough, the Wasps and and during his brief excursion former England lock, will be out south to play for Harlequins, of rugby for some six weeks Against the 1981 Australians, after breaking his thumb play-for the North and for Lancaing for Sussex against Hampshire, he partnered Smith at half shire at the weekend. Any back, sharing in the Division prospect of his being lured out of international retirement to choose to play him at full back, play for England against Romania on January 5 can therefore

be discounted.

MORTHERN DIVISION: P Williams
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Simms (Cambridge University), B Barisy
(Wakefield), R Underwood (Laicaster): R
Andrew (Cambridge University), S mith
(Sale, captaint): P Harrisman (Heading-ley): J Sydall (Waterloo). S Baingridge
(Fydde), P Buckton (Liverpool). P
Simpson (Bath).

Moss may yet gain England place

There has been an air of unreality about Phil Moss's return to first-class rugby. An 18-month lay-off was started with the tacit assumption that he would probably never play again, but this autumn he muttered to his wife, Anita: "I'll



Moss: injuries overcome

Before he could blink he was back in the Orrell first team, was playing for Lancashire again, and today will take his place in the Northern ians at Waterloo.

After leaving Rydal, where his precocious talent earned him a reputation.

representative righty were diset by a number of injuries: serious back trouble was followed by a lung infection, before a spinal injury suggested that his career was at an

outstandingly mobile and a genuine outstandingly mobile and a genuine lineout specialist; the esteem in which he was and is held is illustrated by the fact that he has been preferred in the North's team to that excellent flanker. Simon Tipping, of Sale.

His most recent absence, during which he played golf, worked as a director in the family building firm, and desperately missed his rugby, largely coincided with a period of disappointing form from Orrell, despite impressive results. This winter he has helped revitalize their game with an enthusiasm born of the fact that, to him, every match he played is a bonus. Now the tantalizing question must be asked: might he still at 29, represent his

probably come and gone; but the current state of English rugby, suggests that there has seldom been a better time for the advancem talent. If he can keep free of further injury, and play today as all Laucashire knows he can, then

Michael Stevenson

of Eric Macklam, whose experience within the game includes several years as chairman of the Notts, Lines and Derby disciplinay

Mr Macklam writes: "The

Mr Macklam writes: "The interpretation of law does vary; the law is made to allow the referee to be the sole judge and in this case a very severe judgment for resisting an obstruction . . . this type of case makes the reason for allowing the disciplinary committees to deal with each case individually far stronger. The 30-day automatic suspension was needed to make us seem to be doing something about violence, but

doing something about violence, but I am sure it has passed its usefulness

due to the tremendous variation in

disciplinary hearing should not recognize evidence other than the referre's and why rules framed before video recordings were available should not be changed to

allow their admissability.

Some players will still not benefit because there will be no camera to

record guill or innocence; some players may suffer because of it. Perhaps a gentle push at the International Board by the Rugby Football Union is in order after a

case which plainly indicates more than one side to a particular question.

There remains no reason why a

refereeing standards."

When hearings must not be deaf to the players

While Australia's tour has his original statement. He did not gathered momentum on the playing and he has repeated the same side the controversy surrounding assertion to Wheeler after having the sending-off of McBain their received the video. assertion to Wheeler after having received the same assertion to Wheeler after having received the video.

"When people start putting automatic bans as punishment for a dismissal, then the procession to the video.

"When people start putting automatic bans as punishment for a dismissal, then the procession to wheeler after having assertion to wheeler have a second to wheeler having assertion Alan Jones, the Australian coach, for his public outburst following the disciplinary hearings: the unions were then predictably rebuked by Mr Jones for trying to intimidate

Wheeler is taking no further steps in the matter. He had consulted a barrister about the legal impli-cations arising from the tribunal's failure to accept his word on what took place, supported by a video recording, a copy of which Wheeler sent to Waston Jones, the referee. "It's all over, the sentence is nearly finished now". Wheeler said. "The only thing I find upsetting is that someone has publicly accused me of doing something I didn't doand there are members of the public who have come up to me and said I had nt done it, as well as the BBC

video tape. "But there is no machinery for challenging the findings. If there is to be no right of appeal (the machinery for which exists in machinery for which exists in domestic club games), then perhaps the four home unions should insist upon the referee attending the hearing."

During the four hours which the tribunal took to hear the case. Winston Jones was contacted on the telephone to see if he wished to alter

POWERBOATING

Molinari opts for life in the workshop By a Special Correspondent

Renato Molinari, the Formula One world champion in circuit racing has announced that he will Third division

Bradford City v Millwafl
Darby County v Doncaster Flovers
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Everton (7.0); Huddensield v Aston Vita;
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v Nemcasia United (7.0); West Bromwich
Applion v Sheffeld United (7.0); Stoke
division: Hus City v Rotherham Sounthorps v
Naddesbookugh; York City v Grinsby (7.0);
ISTHIMAN LEAGUE Second division north:
Flackwell Health v Lanchworth Garden City,
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: AFA XI v Royal
Navy (Cusco FG. 2.15)
UAU CHAMPHONSWP: South, fifth place playeft: Beth v East Angla (2.15).
RUGBY UNION not defend his title in 1985. The Italian, aged 38, has won three world championships in the last four years, and has a total of 18 world titles. 11 European titles and 12 world speed records to his credit. Besides honing his driving skills to such a degree that he was virtually unbeatable in the latter half of his 20-year career. Molinari has also become one of the top designers and builders of the lightweight catamarans used in the 140 mph class. The Martini driver intends to continue developing racing hulls and will train and

his sponsors, to end their involvement in the sport. The Italian is quitting after the loss of two other established drivers. Britain's Tom Percival, following a fatal accident in August, and Roger Jenkins, who retired immediately after Percival's death. In addition, the one man regularly to have challenged Molinari over the years, the Dutchman, Cees van der Velden, will not confirm whether he

manage drivers, but his withdrawal from racing has prompted Martini

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30, untess stated UEFA Cup, third round
Manchester United v Dundee United
Tottenham Hotspur v Bohen Hotspur v

(Prague) (8.0)

Other setches: Andertecht v Repl Madrid (7.0);
Sparak Moscow c FC Cologne (4.0);
Universitation Crisicva v Zelectricar (12.0);
Hamburg v Internazionale (7.0); Videoton v
Partizan Belgrade (4.0); Widzew Lodz v
Dynamo Minak (4.0).
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RUGBY UNION TOUR MATCHE Northern Division ((Waterloo, 2,15).

ATHLETICS: SCWAAA Open meeting (Crystai Pelsce NSC, 6.30).
HOCKEY: Ater Landon Leaguer (2.15) Hervits v Cambridge University: Oxford University v Stough (Bishern Abbey, 7.0).
REAL TERNIS: George Wimpey Open singless and doubles (Queen's City). West Kernangton).
SNOOKER: Coral UK Professional Tournement

Provideo voted racehorse of the year

By Michael Seely Provideo has been voted recehorse of the year for 1984" in preference to Tecnoso and El Gran Señor. Bill O'Gorman's two-year-old, whose tally of 16 victories last season equalled The Bard's 99-year-old record, is the first of his age group to be given this award in its 20-year history.

Sponsored by the Racecourse Association, the award is intended for the horse which has done the most for British racing during the season". Seventeen of the 30 journalists who make up the panel went for Provideo.

Provideo's triumphant progress started with a victory in the Brockleby Stakes at Doncaster, the very first race of the season. After recording his sixteenth victory at Redcar. Ahmed, Foustok's Godswalk colt was sent to Hollywood Park where he finished unplaced behind Overtrump in the Buckpasser Stakes. By far and away the outstand-

ing performance at a gale swept Huntingdon yesterday was the stylish victory of Carved Opal in the Peterborough Steelpe-chase. Ridden with patience and restraint by the incomparable John Francome, Winter's six-year-old joined the leaders at the second fence from home and sprinted clear on the run-in to beat The Tsarevich Winter was delighted with

Carved Opal's win. He clearly thinks that this vast improving gelding has a good chance of crediting Uplands with its third consecutive victory in the Kennedy Construction Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday

GOING: Soft

(13 runners)

Other likely runners at Cheltenham are Against The Grain, who is to run in the

PLUMPTON

1.0 NOVEMBER THREE-YEAR-OLD NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £548: 2m)

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1982: Round The Twist 7-11-7 R Rowe (40-85 fav) D Oughton 3 ran.

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LUDLOW

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RISTY BOY (R Brown) R Brown 5-10-3
SEVERNS SOUND (D) (J Bradley) J M Bradley 6-10-9
BOLD RODERICK (B Pointwish D Burchel 5-10-5
DANE PEGGY (BP) (M Jones) J OS 4-10-4
TENUS TRACK (M Stephens) M Stephens 6-10-0
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1.45 LUDFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,371: 2m 4f) (10)

9013-01 MISTY PORT (J Summer) T Forciar 6-12-0 (7 est p3/8-22 WINGETTS IF Wingett) Mrs M Rimel 8-11-4 COD (8 est p4/8-11-4 CD) (8 ext) Mrs M Rimel 8-11-5 CB (8 est p4/8-11-6 CB) (1 es

13-8 Round The Twist, 100-30 Master Nibble, 9-2 Saunders, 6 Kashill, 8 Re

chase: £2,040: 3m 1f) (9)

GOING: good



RACING: O'GORMAN'S COLT REWARDED FOR HIS TENACIOUS TWO-YEAR-OLD CAMPAIGN

Sprinting to the top: Provideo achieved 16 successes, equalling The Bard's 1885 record.

Trial and Browne's Gazette, who is to take on Gaye Brief in the Tia Maria Bula Hurdle. Against The Grain's trainer, David Nicholson, was at Hun-tingdon to watch Peter Scudamore ride Leander Blue to a 20 lengths win over W Six Times in the BBC Radio Cambridge Handican Chase.

Dermot Browne was representing Monica Dickinson,

Daily Express Triumph Hurdle the trainer of the runner-up, and the news from Harewood is that both The Mighty Mac and Sabin du Loir are on the injured

Robin Wonder has been installed favourite at 5-1 with the sponsors for the Mecca Bookmakers Hurdle at Sandown on Saturday. Seventeen have been declared for the most competitive handicap run in the first half of the season. John

2.30 STANMER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP

1983: Mercradi 4-10-12 G Madgwick (11-2) M Madgwick 8 ran.

PORBL: SOCK DENNIS (10-11) beaton a distance in 5th by King's Singer (10-12) at Fontwell, v. 28l 3rd to Who's Driving (11-2) here (2m ch. 2506, soft, Nov 12, 6 ran), STAR OF SALFORD: and ARREQUENCE DEAL (11-9) out of 6rst 9 behind Trumps (11-0), list year STAR OF SALI (11-2) 74th to Ballyeedy Hero here (2m hdie, 2773, hard, Apr 23, 11 ran). Selection: STAR OF SALFORD

Plumpton selections

By Mandarin
1.0 Russborough. 1.30 Swift Royale. 2.0 Round The Twist. 2.30 Sock

By Michael Seely 2.0 ROUND THE TWIST (nap), 3.0 Manston Marauder.

CRESUN (J Bolam) S Woodman 5-11-4 (5 ex)
HANOVER PRINCE (K Noque) H C'Neil 9-10-0 ...
PASCIER (T Chem) H C'Neil 5-10-0

STEAMY (D) (J Moreton) D Murrey-Smith 11-6
BLRNNS LAD (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 10-10
CORRAGARY (D Robinson) D Elsworth 10-10
MARK (SELLY (N Thomas) R Simpson 10-10
MEZIARA (G Chagoury) A Ingham 10-10
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OPENING BARS (C Netson) D Cughton 10-10
POP PICKER (J Horgan) C Horgan 10-10
YOUNG SUCKER'S (D Nation) M Haynes 10-10
O YOUNG SUCKER'S (D Nation) M The Judson 10-5
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TENDER LOVE (Mrs. I Ingham) A Ingham 10-5
VELA ROSSA (M McConnell) N Gaselee 10-5
1983: Jack Ramsey 11-8 P Berton (J-3 feet M M M

1983: Falidand Patecs 6-11-3 P Barton (5-6 fav) D Gandolfo 4 ran.

3.30 NOVEMBER THREE-YEAR-OLD NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: 2548:

1983: Jack Ramsey 11-6 P Serton (1-3 fev) M McCormack 6 ren.

, 7-2 Steamy, 4 My Alating, 6 Corregory, 8 Pop Picker, 10 Oper

Ekbalco. For the second weekjockey rode Ballydurrow when

Francome has been booked by Roger Fisher to partner Bally-durrow who will be attempting to repeat the stable's 1980 triumph with the ill-fated end running Francome will be replacing Phil Tuck on a big race candidate, as the Yorkshire

the gelding was runner-up to Browne's Gazette in the Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle.

Treyford can seal a Forster double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) Tim Forster and Hywel Davies shaped nicely in her only race this look the combination most likely to season.

succeed at Ludlow today. At Newbury, a fortnight ago, Davies won the Winterbourne Handlenp Chase for Forster on MISTY FORT, who new appears to have a good chance of winning the Ludford Handleap Chase, even though she has been penalized. Misty Fort jumps well and revels in soft ground so the more rain that falls the merrier she will be.

Her stable companion TREY-FORD is napped to give his trainer and jockey a second taste of success by winning the Malden Timber Novice Hurdle (Qualifier).

Running for the first time in public, at Fontwell earlier this month, this gelding by that prolific size of jumpers. Deep Run, performed with a degree of promise when he finished third to it's Tough and his Space in an identical page. and Air Space in an identical race. ANNESLEY, who also showed promise in his only race under National Hunt rules, albeit two seasons ago, is expected to give his backers a good run in the Halford Novices' Hurdle, while earlier in the day I will not be at all surprised if the St John and Red Cross Novices' Chase is won by ROSTRA *ho won over hurdles twice last winter and

at Newmarket

By Simon O'Longhlin The 1,000 Guineas third, Desirable, whose victory in the Cheveley Park Stakes was emulated this season by her half-sister Park Appeal, is one of the most notable entries in Tattersall's December Sales, which opens at Newmarket

today.

Other attractions include the first Satinetic and Nepula. Other top fillies are the well bred Seattle Slew Lacune, and Miss Silca Key, the winner of this year's Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot.

follow David Oughton who trains not far from the course at Finden. SWIFT ROYALE, his runner for the NCP Barrier Novices' Chase, has already won twice over today's course and distance this senson. His opposition today looks anything but

His stable companion ROUND THE TWIST has an even better record racing around the notoriously tricky Sussex course, with four victories over three sales and a furlong to his credit. So following that landable effort at Windsor. where he beat Double again he can land a fifth victory in the Peter Cazalet Memorial Challenge Tro-

Richard Dunwoody, who has made an immediate impact in this jockey, looks to have a good chance of winning the Sir Alfred McAlpine Homes Handicap Chase on CRE-SUN. By Sunyboy out of Credo's Daughter, Crusm sports a pedigree that is packed full of jumping blood. He lived up to it at Wisdsor earlier this month when he gave a faultiess display of fencing to win his first steeplechase at the first attempt.

Leading fillies Camacho breeds first winner

Maurice Camacho, the Malton trainer, bred his first winner when Lanhydrock took the Tadcaster Novices hurdle at Wetherby yesterday. Lanhydrock, backed from 5-1 to 7-2 favourite, beating Wording Beard by fore heavile.

Worling-Fearl by four lengths
Ron rorsyth, the winning tocker, has had to be patient to return to the winner's enclousare. It was three and a half years ago that the former Ron Smyth jockey was last there. Mandy Harrison, gained her fourth success under rules when riding Swift Albany to win the Harrogate Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase.

Huntin ton results

GORNG: good.

1.0 (2m ch) 1, WARNER FOR LEISURE (R Earnshaw 8-0; 2, Stray Shot (R Rows, 7-4 fav); 3, St William (Feinr Hobbs 50-1), ALSO RAN: 4 Work Mats (8th), 9 Tony Owen (4th), 12 Southern Bird (Fein, Staggerers Lady (5th), John Standish (fein, 50 Bleathwood (jol), John Standish (fein, 50 Bleathwood (jol), Duran (refused, Royal Riches (pulled up), Ern, 12, 15, sh hd, 10, 12, D Gandolto at Wardage, Tote: 28.30; 21.70, 21.00, 26.90, OF: 25.80, CSF: 28.80.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, LEANDER BLUE (P Scudernore, 7-4); 2 W Skr Tienes (R Earnshaw, 5-6 favt; 3, Seany May (R Rowe, 13-2), ALSO PLAN: 6 Ebony 88 (4th. 4 ran. 25, 7i, 30, D Michelson at Saw on the Wold, TOTE 22.50) \$1.90. CSF: 23.57.

Micholson at Stow on the Wold. TOTE: 22.50; \$1.90. CSF: \$23.57.

2.38 (2m 4f hds* 1, FAST LADY (S Smith Eccles, 7-2); 2. Resetted Lady (J Notes, 50-1); 3.

La Bengarde (Puth Hangmerses, 12-1); ALSO, RAN: 2 fav Yelkow Ms (5th), 9-2 Wildwood Moss, 7 Gelberts Chroice, 14 Celtic Burn, Paster Stall (8th), 20 Charlicombe (PU), Preacher's Gem (PU), Rup Tene, Reity's Festival, Miss. Sury Selone, 33 Frating (PU), 50 Bellonin's Environment (Pt), Bug Tene, Reity's Festival, Miss. Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany Rose, Shiftster Miss. Spatial Fidger (6th), My Name is Nebody (4th), Mir Romany My 3.0 SIR ALFRED MCALPINE HOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£1.861: 2m) FORM: MANSTON MARAUDER (10-0) 10 runner up to Basu Ranger (10-9) at Devon (2m 1f ch. 21,716, soft, Nov 2, 12 run). 7EN BEARS (10-0) 181 3rd to Rommany Nightshede at Ascot (2m ch. 25.313, good, Nov 16, 6 ran). CRESUM (10-12) best Oversway (11-5) by 71 at Windson (2m ch. 21.223, good, Nov 10, 14 ran).

Selt 2. Kindises Lad (G Newman, 17-recorded, 37-recorded, 37-recorded, 17-recorded, 17-recorded, 17-recorded, 17-recorded, 17-recorded, 17-recorded, 17-recorded, 18-recorded, **Newton Abbot**

Going Soft.

1.9 (2m hole) 1, PANTO PRINCE (B Power,
1.1); 2, Chimson Sol (P Barton, 5-2 fav); 3, G W
Superstare (C Brown, 11-6, ALSO RAN: 14
Kahuti, 16 Invisible Ring (4th), 20 Derago, Mr
Menacing (tell), 25 Reyboard Derago, Mr
Menacing (tell), 25 Reyboard Derago, Mr
Manacing (tell), 33 Hillytilly (p)(u), Better
Judgeront, Full Price (tell), Lydecott Moon,
Mayspring, Marston Moor, 15 ran. NR:
Benrington, 4, 11, 10, 294, 71, Kennard at
Taunton, TOTE 23.20; £1.10, £2.00, £1.10, D528.40, CSP, 210.41. Benington. 4, 11, 10, 410.
Tamton. TOTE: 23.20; 21.70, 22.00, 21.70. DP.
25.40, CSP: 210.41,
1.30 (3m 2f ch) 1, ROYSCAR (R. Millman, 161); 2, Royal Normae (G. McCourt, 9-4 (k-tay); 3,
Haster Smudge (R. Hoans, 14-1), ALSO RAN:
9-4 (k-tay Chreatle Gream (4th), 9-2 Pay Freeze
(5th), 5 Rook Wood (u/r), 16 Galded Gold (o/u)
7 ran. 6, 10, 214, 30, J. Cherin at Exeter
TOTE: \$12.40; \$2.20, \$2.40. DP. \$24.00. CSF

2.58 (2m hdle) 1, CATS EVES (P Lasch, 8-1); 2, Meldon Lady (B Wright, 4-1); 3, Celtic Bob (M. Caswel, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 9-4 Fav Air Space (5th), 4 Mejoba Ricad Edh), 20 Grast Western Fyrns, Josephs Ricad Edh), 20 Grast Western Fyrns, Josephs Ricad Somervite Star (BR/DOWN), Sunday Gang: 50 Crowman: Golden Delicious, Peartroy, Seventh Season (FELL), Friday Jans, Royal Busidins, Ton's Cornecty, 16 rish, 12, 1-1, 14, 71, 51, M Pipe at Wellington, Tole: 27-70; 21-40, 22-50, 23-20, DF: 214-90, CS.F. 228-88.

2.30 (2m Indie) 1.MOPSY LOYEJOY (R Muggeridge, 15-8 fav); 2. Red Report (Sharron Jennes, 8-1; 3.Gettling Pleaty (G Brown, 3-1). Also rars 8 Drum Maker (Bith, Sandellite Again (P.U.), 8 Top Reef (Sith), 12 Miss Black Glaims, 25 Inspired (4dh), 33 Smithy Lame (P/U.), 50 Outsty Dora (P/U.), at Bremiey, 10 ran, 10l., st Ind, 12, 3, 8, 8 Stevens, Tone, 23-30; 21-10, 22-20, 22-00. DF: 12,20. Cs.F. 116.74. TRICAST: 240,68, Bought in 850 gris. 3.0 (2m Sith), 12 Report 100-30 (f-fav); 3 Far-Kill (P Croucher, 8-1), ALSO RAN: 100-30 j-fav Inscop (4dh), 7-2 Socies Nogoes (5dh), 12 Fra Mau (PU), Mappie Dez, 33 Brackley, 50 Arctic Marmer (6th), Call The Guardis (Felf), Graat Hays (Pd), Called Point (PU), Gibbed Gamble (PU), My Aways, 14 ran, 1-1s), 51, 51, 51, 80, 71, 80, 24,00. DF: 213.70, CSF: 225.65. 2.30 (2m hole) 1. KUSYTH (P Croucher, 14-II. 90, \$1.00, \$4.00. Dr. 213.70, CSF: \$25.65.

3.30 (2m hdiel 1, KLSYTH (P Croucher, 14-11; 2, Saratino (D Mustow, 7-2); 3, Franch Peely (S Earle, 14-1); ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Damper, 6 Shout (Shi, 13-2 Glen Rosd, 14 Cartable (UR), 20 Hever (Brit), 25 Bubring (Fef & Destroyed). Shannle, 33 Buffoon (48th, 40 Lucky Wistates, Ballyseedy Hero, Gypcey Lea, Idson Less, 15-sp. 6, 8, 2, 3-th.d. 1"9-1, D Burchel at Exhaux (All Control of Control o

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1.45 (Sm ch) 1. JOCKAMBEL (T G Dun, 3-1 fevt; 2. Zemandrs (R O'Leav; 9-2); 3. Inkling (S Youtlen, 14-1). ALSO RAN; 7-2 Correand (4th), 15-2 Antiquan Moon, 8 Paim Cross, 10 The Last Prince, 14 Beterman (UR), 25 Caldwell Case, Run A Mee (tel), 37 Fort Netson (UR), 50 Latte Midge (5th), Woodburgh (6th), Gemeswood (Hel), Auchanchurghe, Misy Spint, 15 ran. NR: Ballywal, 7, 11; 11/3, 30, 15, D M Thomson of Greenlaw. TOTE: 5.421, \$1.80, 22.00, 55.00, DF: \$12.20, C.S.F. £17.33, 230 (2m help); 1. ANRYTOROCK (R Forest).

22.00, 25.00, DF. \$12.20, C.S.F. \$17.33,
230 (2m hdie) 1, LAWRYDROCK IR Foreyth,
7-2 layl, 2, Working-Pearl (K Dockar, 9-2); 3,
River Limset IP A Charlton, 7-1). ALISO RAN:
11-2 Misser Hofiday, 10 Campus Boy (5th),
Mohar (PU), Clushtair Princeas, 14 Savor Wives,
Scorat Walk (8th), 14 River Lune, 20 Hellen's
Cholce, Pentland Beauty (4th), Smart Jack,
Squines Gold (PU), 25 Athinson, Blackwell Beky,
33 Mahogany Hall, Clustryman, Taberna Lord,
59 Drumapon (PU), Yalistari, Dubewara, Little
Newhigton, Mass Jay Cee, 24 ran.Fr. Fast
Foneard, 41, 20t, 10f, 81, 81, M J Camacho at
Mghon, 107E; 24.00, 12.80, 52.80, DF.
57.00, C.S.F. 523.45. 2.50 (2m ch) 1. TIERENEE (Mr P J Dun, 11-4); 2. Startight Lad (P Tuck 6-1); 3. Fair Babu (Mr L Kriby, 11-4). Also car: 11-8tav Vilaerstown (fail) 8-2 Tom Sawyer (4th) 5 ran Nr. Orp Baille 31 12. W A Stephenson at Bishop Audikand. Tote. 12-50; 61-40, 53-00. OF 10.40 C.S.F. 277-66.

OF 10.40 C.S.F. 217.46.

3.25 (2m holle) 1. GRIEEN GORISE (C Hawldes. 10-1): 2. Den't Annoy life b g Marriago-Embarrassed (Europhin Promotoris Let) 4 to 12 (fer F. J. Beggan, 16-1): 3, Pellies Prince b g Pitpan-Ferrous Lady (D Ryan) 7 to 12 (G Bredley, 11-6 fav). Also rare. 4. Broadmans Coronet (5th) Ribbons of She Ronten Duck 10 Phoenic Gold Reycom 12 Bucklow Hill 14 Verbarkum (4th) 20 Lucky Fen Vatiant Vision 25 Pay Zone 33 Ascentiar (pulled up) Bishop's Royal Estaem Lost Land (pulled up) Bishop's Royal Estaem Lost Land (pulled vasant Vision 25 Pay Zone 33 Asenthar (pulled up) Bishop's Royal Estern Lost Land (pulled up) Marshall Red Rothardgh Sestell (6th) Virtiley Burn Jarall Karmelanne Splash Tax Code 25 ran. 14 11, 71, 31, 21, N. Crump at Middleham. Tolac 25 60; E1 70, E3.80, E1.50, DF: £101 10, CSF-£188 71, Piscapot £435.35 to a 50p unit.

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By Mandarin
1245 Bold Roderick, 1.15 Rostra, 1.45 Misty Fort, 2.15 TREYFORD
(nap), 2.45 Bashful Lad, 3.15 Annesley.
Michael Seely's selection: 1.45 Wingetts.

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	2.45 COURT OF HILL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,196: 3m) (5)
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	4-7 Bestiful Lad, 5-2 Bee Orchitt, 10 Tens Or Better, 12 Oakprime, 20 Dutch Challenger.
	3.15 HALFORD NOVICE HURDLE (£511: 2m) (18)
	1 4/ ANNESLEY (Mrs M Musters) N Gaselee 5-10-10
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	10 902130 HAVEN'S PRIDE (D) (B Brazier) M Cestel 5-10-10
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Justices liable to defendant for acting outside jurisdiction

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Templeman [Speeches sold November 22]

Justices were acting outside or in excess of their jurisdiction in passing a first custodial sentence upon an unrepresented defendant who was not informed of his right to legal aid and they were therefore liable to the defendant in a civil action for damages.

The House of Lords so held, dismissing an appeal by three justices sitting at Belfast Juvenile Court on August 31, 1978, from a decision of the Court of Appeal of Northern Ireland (Lord Lowry, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Jones and Lord Justice O'Donnell) on December 21, 1983, who allowed an appeal by the defendant, a minor, from a judgment on June 29, 1983 of Mr Justice Hutton who held on a preliminary point of law that the defendant had no cause of action against the justices for the making of an order that the defendant be sent to a training school and his

to a training school detention thereunder.
Mr W.A. Campbell, QC. Mr
Patrick Coghlin and Miss C.R.
Trimble (all of the Northern Ireland Bar) for the justices: Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, and Mr Timothy Ferriss (both of the Northern Ircland Bar) for the defendant

LORD KEITH agreed with the opinion of Lord Bridge save that he left open the question whether the liability of justices for acts done within their jurisdiction but with malice and without probable cause should be treated as having fallen into desuetude.

Lord Elwyn-Jones agreed with

LORD BRIDGE said that on pleaded guilty before the juvenile court to an offence of baving in his possession four car keys for use in connexion with theft.
On January 23, 1978, when be

was just 14 years of age he was ordered to attend the attendance centre at Mildfield College of Technology on January 28 and subsequently at times to be fixed by

the officer in charge of the centre.

On July 6, 1978 the defendant again appeared before the same court charged with failing to attend to do so. After further adjournment by the proportional of August 21. ments he was ordered on August 31. 1978 to be sent to St Patrick's Training School, Belfas, where he

In due course the defendant applied to the Divisional Court in Northern Ireland for an order of certiorari to quash the training school order. He relied on article 15(1) of the Treatment of Offenders forthern Ireland) Order (SI 1976 No 226 (NI 4)) which provided: "A magistrates' court on summary conviction shall not pass training or detention in a young offenders centre on a person who is not legally represented...and has not previously been sentenced to that punishment by a court in any part of the United Kingdom unless either (a) he applied for legal aid and the application was refused on the ground that it did not appear his

means were such that he required assistance: or (b) having been informed of his right to apply for legal aid and had the opportunity to It was common ground that the training school order was a sentence of ... detention in a young

offenders centre" within the mean-ing of that article. The defendant punishment. In the proceedings before the juvenile court he was not legally represented and he had never applied for legal aid Before the Divisional Court there

were conflicting affidavits as to whether the defendant had ever been informed of his right so to apply. The Divisional Court accepted the evidence of the clerk of the court that the defendant had been so informed at the first hearing which led to the making of the attendance centre order but it was common ground that he had not been informed of that right again cfore the making of the training

The Divisional Court held that article 15(1) of the 1976 Order was not satisfied on the ground that the proceedings for breach of the attendance centre order, which led to the making of the training school order were separate and distinct from those which preceded and led to the making of the attendance centre order, accordingly the training school order could not lawfully be made as the defendant had not been again informed of his right to apply for legal aid in the course of the later proceedings and the training school order was

On March 12, 1980 the defendant issued a writ in an action for damages for false imprisonment, reciting the relevant history of the proceedings which led to the making of the training school order.

The defence did not plead that the defendant was informed of his right to apply for legal aid and therefore that issue did not arise on the pleadings.
On July 28, 1982 an order was

made by consent for the determination as a preliminary issue of law of the question whether on the facts pleaded any action would lie against

the justices.

That in turn depended on training school order "acted without jurisdiction or in excess of jurisdiction" within the meaning of section 15 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Act 1964, re-enacted as article 5, of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order (S1 1981 No 1675

(NI 26)). Section 15 of the 1964 Act provided: "No action shall succeed

against any person by reason of any matter arising in the execution or purported execution of his office of resident magistrate or justice of the peace, unless the court before which he acted without jurisdiction or in | excess of jurisdiction. Considered in isolation the implication of that section seemed

suffered an actionable wrong pursuant to an order made by justices acting as such, it was a complete defence that they had acted within their jurisdiction but no defence if they acted "without jurisdiction or in excess of

It followed that defendant's detention pursuant to the justices' order would establish a cause of action if, but only if, that order was made "without jurisdiction or in

excess of infisdiction".

no precise or constant meaning. But few had been used with so

many different shades of meaning in jurisdiction". different contexts or had so freely acquired new meanings with the development of the law as the word "jurisdiction". Their Lordships' task was to try to discern a sensible line to be drawn somewhere within that wide spectrum, to determine whether or not the justices were acting within their jurisdiction.

The language of section 15 of the 1964 Act abolished the old common law "action on the case as for a tort" against a justice in respect of anything done by him maliciously and without reasonable and probable cause within his jurisdiction.

It was not open to the draftsman of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979 to take the same course in England. In the process of consolidation (there being no relevant Law Commission recommendation) he was constrained to reproduce the was constrained to reproduce the previous statutory provisions, which were purely procedural in character, but was entitled by using the opening words "If apart from this section any action lies..." to manifest his doubt as to the survival of the old common law cause of action. No question of malice, either

arose in the present appeal. But when the whole subject of justices' liability arising out of the execution or purported execution of their was under consideration by the House of Lords for the first time, it required comment even though that aspect of the subject had not been argued.

It was, of course, clear that the holder of any judicial office who acted in bad faith, doing what he knew he had no power to do, was liable in damages

If the Lord Chief Justice himself, on the acquittal of a defendant charged with a criminal offence were to say, "that is a perversiverdict" and thereupon proceeded to pass a sentence of imprisonment he could be sued for trespass.

But where a judge of a court of record acted maliciously and contrary to good faith while acting within his jurisdiction, as Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, said in Anderson v Gorrie ([1895] 1 QB 668, 670) "By the common law of England it is the law that no such

The principle underlying that rule was clear. If one judge in 1,000 acted dishonestly within his jurisdiction to the detriment of a party before him, it was less harmful to the health of society to leave that party without a remedy than that 999 honest judges should be harassed by vexatious litigation alleging malice in the exercise of their proper If the old common law rule was

different in relation to justices of the peace, it probably had its origins in society's view of the justice, reflected in Shakespeare's plays, as an ignorant buffoon. But it clearly had no application whatever in today's world either to stipendary magistrates or to lay benches. The former were competent professional judges, the latter citizens from all walks of life,

chosen for their intelligence and integrity, required to undergo some training before they sat and were advised by legally qualified clerks.

service to the community and conducted the major part of the criminal business of the courts. Without them the system of criminal justice in this country would grind to a halt.

In those circumstances it seemed a ludicrous anachronism that, while a judge sued for an act within his jurisdiction alleged to have been done maliciously was entitled to have the proceedings dismissed in limine, a magistrate in the like case should have to go to trial to defend himself against the accusation of

It followed that, in his Lordship's opinion, the old common law "action on the case as for a tort" against justices acting within their jurisdiction maliciously and without reasonable and probable cause no

By contrast, it was clear that in section 15 of the 1964 Act and section 45 of the 1979 Act the old common law rule that justices were civilly liable for actionable wrongs suffered by citizens pursuant to orders made without jurisdiction

Thus both courts below were right to reject the argument based on the judgment of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in Sirros v Moore ([1975] QB 118), which sought to those purporting to exercise the limited jurisdiction of inferior courts, including justices, with that of judges of the superior courts.

Whatever the juridical basis for the distinction between superior

and inferior courts in that regard, and however anomalous it seemed. the distinction unquestionably remained part of the law affecting justices and would continue to do so as long as the language of section 15 of the 1964 Act and section 45 of the 1979 Act remained in legislative force in the jurisdictions of Northern Ireland and England

respectively. The provisions introduced in 1964 to indemnify justices against personal liability in appropriate circumstances had two significant

First, they contemplated that a justice might be liable for having acted without jurisdiction or in excess of jurisdiction even though he was in no way blameworthy, and the statutory phrase must be so

Second, it went far to meet Lord Denning's concern expressed in the Sirros case that Each should be protected from liability to damages when he is acting judicially... should be able to do his work in complete independence and free from fear...should not have to turn the pages of his book with trembling

case took the view that the fact of

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wrong impression to the jury.
His Lordship added that in coming to his decision to discharge Lord Justice Croom-Johnson said, on November 26, that he wished to make it clear that in his the jury and to try the case alone, the amount and contents of the Times November 26) the misreodocuments had weighed

conclusive that it was made "without jurisdiction or in excess of

However, the case of Johnson Meldon ((1891) 30 LR Ir 15) showed that the quashing of an order of decision by certiorari for want of against the justices on the issue of their civil liability, at all events where they erred, even by misdirect ing themselves, in deciding some collateral issue which it was collateral necessary for them to decide in order to determine whether they

The justices would of course be acting without jurisdiction if, in the course of hearing a case within their jurisdiction they were guilty of an obvious irregularity of procedure, as for example if one justice absented himself for part of the hearing and had happened during his absence, or of the rules of natural justice, as for example if the justices refused to allow the defendant to give evidence. But more subtle cases in which it

might successfully be contended in judicial review proceedings that a conviction was vitiated on some narrow technical ground involving a procedural irregularity or even breach of the rules of natural justice should be left for determination and when they arose.

Such convictions, if followed by

potential trespass to person or goods would be necessarily expose the justices to liability in damages. Since the present case was the first in which their Lordships

House had considered justices liability in damages for acts done in their office, it was appropriate to examine the principles on which the liability could be founded on want of jurisdiction invalidating the ster of jurisdiction during a trial.

narrower and in some sense distinct field. There was no question but that the justices had jurisdiction to entertain the proceedings against the

The only defect relied on to deprive the justices of jurisdiction to make the training school order was the failure in those proceedings (considered as distinct from the earlier proceedings which led to the making of the attendance centre order) to inform the defendant of his right to apply for legal aid as they were required to do by article 15 of the 1976 Order. The authorities established the

clear principle that justices, though they had "jurisdiction of the cause" and conducted the trial impeccably. might nevertheless be liable in damages on the ground of acting in excess of jurisdiction if their conviction of the defendant before them or other determination of the complaint did not provide a proper foundation in law for the senten imposed on him or order made against him and in pursuance of the sentence or order he was imprisoned

or his goods were seized.

It could not be said that the justices' omission to inform the defendant of his right to apply for legal aid was a mere procedural irregularity. The language of article 15(1) of the 1976 Order prohibited in the clearest terms the imposition of any of the custodial senten mentioned unless one or other of the conditions referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) had been satisfied.

Section 21(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 had the same effect in England.

Parliament plainly attached importance to ensuring that none of those custodial sentences should be imposed for the first time on a defendant not legally represented unless the defendant's lack of representation was of his own

The philosophy underlying the provision must be that no one should be liable to a first sentence of imprisonment, borstal training opportunity of having his case in itigation presented to the court in

the best possible light.

For an inarriculate defendant, as so many were, such presentation might be crucial to his liberty. It was impossible to say in this, or any other case that, if the requirements of article 15(1) had been satisfied, it would have made no difference to

the result.

The fulfilment of that statutory condition precendent to the impo-sition of such a sentence as the justices passed on the defendant was no less essential to support their jurisdiction to pass such a sentence than, for example, in the case of sentence of immediate imprison ment, a prior conviction of an offence for which a sentence of imprisonment could lawfully be

There was an analogy here between fulfilment of that statutory condition precedent, necessary to give justices jurisdiction to pass an otherwise appropriate sentence and the fulfilment, at an earlier stage, of the statutory condition precedent, where applicable, requiring the defendant to be informed of his right to elect jury trial which was necessary to give the justices "jurisdiction of the cause" that is, to try the case summarily. In neither case could omission to fulfill the condition precedent be considered a

mere procedural irregularity. LORD BRANDON agreed with Lord Bridge upon the question of the civil liability of justices for acts done without or in excess of jurisdiction and agreed with the

analysis of the relevant law.

However, upon the further question of the common law liability of justices for acts done within their jurisdiction but with malice and without reasonable cause, his Lordship agreed that such Northern Ireland was concerned but preferred to reserve his opinion upon that question in relation to England.

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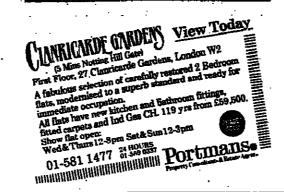
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Over the last decade or two, the rise of the supermarket has been accompanied by the decline of the village stores, a trend which Christie and Co, agents with offices across the country, have been watching closely. Nigel Jones, from their Bristol office, says that in recent years village stores have not been popular, but that is

He adds: "Though the number of small shops has fallen dramatically over the last 10 years, it seems that much of the weeding-out has been done. What is left of the grocery business in private hands is stronger, fitter, healthier and able to trade profitably and operated with minimum overheads. They will now provide owners with a comfortable

living for years to come".

People are using supermarkets for their main stocking-up, but are beginning to realize the benefits of a local store, and these small stores are fulfilling a different need. It is undoubtedly pleasant to be welcomed into a shop by a shop-

keeper known to the customer. The village shop is also useful for its moreflexible opening hours, especially when the supermarket is too far away. For the owner, it provides a business, a home and a way of life. According to Mr Jones, there is a continuing recruitment to the ranks of village shopkeepers from the forces

and the police. They have a pension

and have saved usually some capital.

which enables them to buy their way in and also – with the cushion of a pension – survive comfortably without a very high salary. In most cases, it is difficult to borrow large amounts of money to finance the purchase because the returns are comparatively small, so most people coming into the new way of life pay cash. Many of them now

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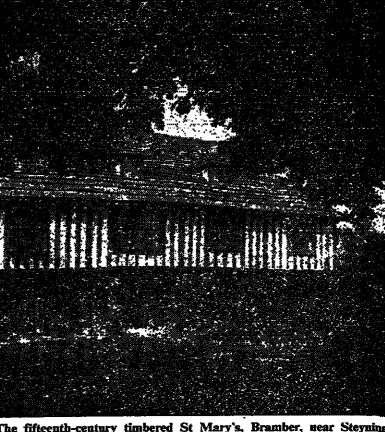
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but still hard-working, village life. The same standard of living can be maintained from a much lower income, with many of the costs covered by the business. The great benefit is that many of these village stores are fine properties to live in.

For someone buying a business, a little store in a town, village or even in a city's outskirts, has its attractions. As Christie's point out, why would anybody want to commute to a busy city every day when you can go into business on your own? It seems that more people are coming to share that

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is a post office-store in a village near Coleford in the Forest of Dean. It carried a P.O. salary of £8,635 and shop sales of stationery and greetings cards. It is a business, say Christie's, which would suit a couple looking for a quiet way of life or for a wife to run while her husband continued his work (or vice versa of course). The income from the shop covers the overheads, leaving the Post Office salary as

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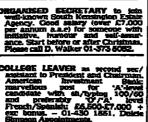
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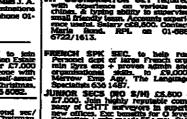
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Country conversion

Compton Verney, the eighteenth-century, semi-derelict Grade I listed mansion and 117-acre estate near Stratford-upon-Avon, owned by the late Harry Ellard, has been sold at auction for £515,000 by the joint agents Bigwood and Bewlay and Debenham Tewson and Chinnocks. When it came up for sale earlier in the year it had a guide price of around £250,000, but the interest led to an auction, and it was finally bought by Period and Country Houses Ltd of London, who specialize in restoration and conversion.

Subject to planning permission, it is planned to convert it into three large houses, one in each Adam wing and the third in the section designed by Vanbrugh. Christopher Buxton. managing director, expects the restoration work to cost at least £!

Shepherds Green, at Mount Pleasant, Sway, in the New Forest, a converted cottage with garden and paddocks of 21/2 acres, five bedrooms and three reception rooms, is for sale through Jackson and Jackson of Lymington, who are asking £135,000 for the property which was originally two cottages.

Twelfth-century manor

Wanborough Manor, Hog's Back, Guildford, Surrey, a manor house dating from the twelfth century, is for sale through Gasgoigne-Pees of Guildford, who are seeking around £200,000. The Grade II listed house. mentioned in the Domesday Book. was later given to the Earl of Southampton by Henry VII, and during the Second World War was used as the headquarters of the SOE, where Violette Szabo GC and others were trained.

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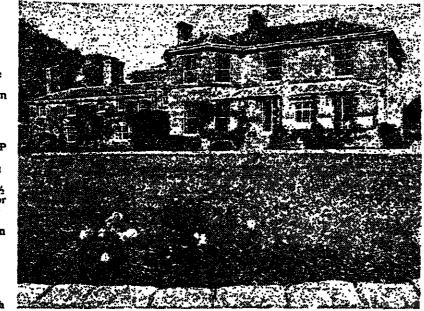
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Will the public like timber's new look?

The fact that a campaign was launched last week to try to persuade people that timber-frame houses are as safe and valuable as those made of brick is a recognition that this method of housebuilding has suffered badly in

the last two years from bad publicity. There have been too many stories in newspapers to ignore, and when television took up the matter, culminating with the World in Action programme in June 1983, the case against timber-frames went almost by default. Builders, particularly Barratt, who had been increasing their output of such housing throughout the country, suffered and soon took the commercial way out by reducing their numbers of timber-frame houses.

From a peak of 25 per cent as a proportion of private housing starts in Britain by the end of 1982, timber framed housing fell to 20 per cent by the end of 1983 and to 12 per cent with the latest figures from the National House-building Council.

In England, the figure has gone from 24 per cent to 11 per cent, while in Scotland, where this method has been more popular, the proportion has dropped from 51 per cent to 37

The new campaign is the work of a consortium of firms supplying goods to timber frame builders, not the builders themselves, who are at present keeping quiet about the whole embarrassing business. They are expecting to spend £250,000 in the first year in advertising and publicity to try to allay the fears of the public,

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Statistics can prove anything, but the fact is that since 1965 2½ million houses, including 150,000 timberframe houses, have been built which are covered by the NHBC's 10-year warranty scheme. Claims for defects have been paid on 20,000 of them, only 24 involving specific timberframe defects.

The argument really revolves around how well timber-frame houses are built. If they are built well, they will not suffer from condensation which could rot the wood, and if that is the case the claims that timber framed houses are better insulated, and more comfortable, could well be

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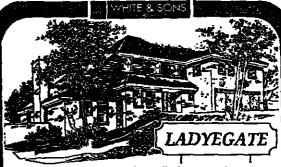
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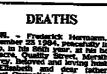
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00 Lyn Marshell's Everyday Yogs Lesson 11: the Knee and Thigh Stretch and Ankle Rotations (r) 9.10 The Docsetmen, Dannis Skillicom in the first of six programs about people who live and work in Dorset, meets the mer who work on the Isle of Portland 9.40 Ceefax 10.30 lay School (r). 50 Gharbar, This week's edition

of the magazine programme tor Asian women includes a tostering 11.15 Ceetax. 30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances prospects come from Bill Giles. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE etly: Financial eport followed by news leadlines with subtitles). .00 Pebble Mill at One includes Prue Leith's Good Looking

Cooking series 1.45 Gran (r) 1.50 Stop-Gol (r). 00 Championship Snooker. The quarter final matches of the Coral United Kingdom Championship, introduced by David Vine from the Guild Hall, Preston 3.48 Regional news (not London).

50 Play School, presented by Ben Thomas 4.10 Bananar 4.15 Jackanory. Jane Asher reads part three of Frances Hodgson Burnett's A Little Princess 4.30 Godzilla. prehistoric leviathan 4.50 John

. 30 The Box of Delights. Part two of the excellent six-episode dramatisation of John Masefield's novel (Ceefax). 25 The Good Life. Comedy series starring Richard Briers and Felicity Kendall as the

suburban self-sufficients (r) 5.58 Weather. - 30 News with Nicholas Witchell and Jeremy Paxman. 30 London Plus.

55 I've Got a Secret, Jan Leeming, Chris Kelly, Sally James and Derek Jameson have to guass the secrets of sts who include Barry Cryer and Billy J Kramer.

30 Sharon and Elsie. Elsie's plans of spending a romantic evening with her husband go awry and she ends up cooking chips for Sharon who believes she is being followed (r).

__00 Dalles. Murder most foul is attempted tonight but the would-be killer is foiled in the empt. Meanwhile, Lucy takes a job as a waitress at the cale where her mother worked and a girl claiming to be Jock's niece appears (Ceefax).

45 Points of View. Barry Took dips into the BBC's postbag. 00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.

05 News with John Humphrys. 36 in at the Di o End. The Time programme of the series and Chris Serie sets his sights on becoming an auctioneer at Sotheby's. To this end he seeks advice in Europe and

North America (Ceefax). 20 Sportsnight introduced by Harry Carpenter. There is action in the quarter-finals of the Coral United Kingdom Snocker Championship; highlights from last night's Sheon and Bruno and Brown; a report from Sweden on how they produce their top tennis ers; and news of tonight's players; and nome. Ueta Cup matches. .10 News headlines and weather.

TV-ams

6.25 Good Morning Stitaln presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen, News with

Gordon Heneycombe at 6.30,

7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00;

sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guest, George Melly, from 6.45; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the

day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popsye cartoon at 7.22; Tina Turner pop video at 7.54; star romance at 8.15; Fred Titmus remembers at 8.47; Roddy Llewellyn's gardening advice TITY/LONDON: 9.25 Thames news headlines, 9.30 For Schools: Craft, design and technology, 9.47 Energy sources and energy chains. 10.04 Magnetochemistry. 10.21 Television in Holland. 10.48 The control of flooding in the Los Angeles area. 11.10 A baker at work, 11.22 A

cartoon version of the Christmas story, 11,39 War is declared. 12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy with a musical story about Tricky Tommy. 12.10 Our Backyard. Peter is cheered up by a big show. 12.30 The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the Second World War.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin, 1,20 Thames news from Robin Houston, 1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback, 2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen, Everyday Dinners prepared by Grace Mulligan and Angels Mottram 3.00 Take the High Road, 3.25 Thames news headlines, 3.30

Sons and Daughters. Passion and high finance among the Hamilton and Palmer far 4.00 Rod, Jane and Fredtly. A repeat of the program shown at noon, 4.15 Wil Cwac Cwac. Adventures of 8 naughty duck. 4.20 Chish 'n' Fips. The story of two garden gnomes. 4.45 Murphy's Mob. Serial about a group of

football-mad young boys. 5.15 Slockbusters, General knowledge quiz for teenagers, ed by Bob Holness 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news with Andrew Gardner and Tina

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of Dial-a-Ride, a scheme to help the disabled get out and about. 6.35 Crossroads

7.00 Name That Tune. Fast moving musical quiz presented by Llonel Blair 7.30 Coronation Street.

8.00 This is Your Life. Earnonn Andrews springs a surprise of another unsuspecting worthy. 8.30 Mike Yarwood in Persons Cornedy from the talented impressionist.

9.00 Travelling Man. Lomax, in his search for his son, crosses the path of the mysterious Thomas who is in reality an assassin on the trail of a defector who is spilling the beans in a 'safe house' (Oracle).

10.00 A Party Political Brosdcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.

10.05 News followed by Thames news headlines. 10.35 Michweek Sport Special. tonight's third round, first leg, ties in the Uefa Cup, involving

a British Club: plus the final stages of the Tuborg British Figure Skating Championships 12.05 World in Action: Apartheid's Back Yard. A documentary about the conditions for the

majority of black people in South Africa who have been dumped in the poverty-stricken 'homelands'. Filmed unofficially and in secret by John Blake and John Smithson in the Ciskel which became 'independent' of South Africa three years ago. 12.35 Night Thoughts

Julian Curry in Oxbridge Blues (BBC 2, 9.00pm)

BBC 2

9.10 Daytime on Two: Technical studies - heat treatment. 9.30

Science: hearing, 10.00 You and me with the lifeboat men. 10.15 Maths: frections, 10.38

Maths: statistics. 11.00 Words and pictures. 11.17 Music:

Harlequinade - a pantomime. 11.39 Tobacco - its worth to

handicapped children, 12.55

second language is English.

1.21 French conversation. 1.3 Steam-worked engines. 2.00

Early postal services. 2.18

Economic development in

Brazil. 240 The plight of

3.00 The Tribal Eye. Part three of

the series on tribal art and

David Attenborough is in West

Africe examining the work commissioned by the Obas of

Benin four centuries ago (r).

David Vine Introduces quarte

Kingdom Championship.

5.30 Willo the Wisp, with the voices

5.25 News summary with subtitles

of Kenneth Williams (r).

5.35 Fast Forward. Fun and games

6.00 The High Chaparral. Vintage American western series (r).

6.50 The Phil Silvers Show Sot

for young people, presented by Floella Benjamin.

Bilko wagers all his money on

one of his platoon when the annual eating competition comes round. Then he

discovers that his fancy can

7.15 Cameo. A quick look at the wildlife of the cities and

7.25 Ebony, presented by Juliet

suburbs (r).

from Senegal.

7.55 My Music. Frank Muir and

only eat when he is unhappy (r)

Alexander and Vince Herbert,

includes a report on black miners in Derbyshire; a tribute

to Alex Pascall who has been

Black Londoners programme

for ten years; poems from Valerie Bloom; and music from

Ruby Turner and Kora players

John Amis challenge Denis Norden and Ian Wallace to a

test of musical knowledge (r).

invented the modern tractor.

starring Susan Sarandon. (see Choice).

controversial methods dealing with criminate whose offences

are linked with their sicohol

10.35 A Party Political Broadcast on

11.35 Buongiorno Italial Lesson 11

of the Italian conversation

course (r). Ends at 12.05.

11.25 Top Gear Raily Report.

behalf of the Conservative

William Woollard reports from the Lomberd RAC Rally headquarters in Chester.

8.20 Harry Ferguson: Inventor. The story of the Ulsterman who

Triangles. A play about a three-sided relationship;

9.00 Oxbridge Blues: Similar

10.05 Out of Court examines the

problem.

Party.

10.40 Newsmight.

presenting Radio London's

final action in the Coral United

vhales (Ceefax).

3.50 Championship Snooker.

ion. 1.3

12.30 For parents of mentally

9.00 Ceefax.

 OXBRIDGE BLUES (BBC 2, 9.00pm) is a double-decker tonight. Whichever play you take, the comforting message it transmits is that lest week's fall from grace, the thresomely talkative and excessively brittle That Was Tory was only temporary and Frederic Rapha

drama series is now back on course again. He'll See You Now explains why a psychoanalyst will not help a woman patient decide which of har her hard the series and the series are series. wo lovers to choose. Sim Triangles is about an affaire brought to a head by the death of a deceived husband. There is a common clever variation is played on it because in one play, sexual passion is seen as the coment that binds while in the other, it is the absence of it that performs precisely the BLACK HOLLYWOOD (Channel

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Me and Mariborough

to join the Duke of

halborough's army at

4.00 A Plus 4. Mavis Nicholson and

4.30 Countdown. John Wallace, an

alrway passenger services duty controller challenges

yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental

arithmetic competition.

5.00 Alice, Mel. the diner owner, is

old school chum who is

5.30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

brother of Ted, arrives

Hal Baxter, the successful

unexpectedly at the studio. Eager to impress his brother,

Ted introduces Mary as his

up a foursome with the two

is the subject of his week's

edition. His life and career is

traced and among those who appeared with him on the

screen and are in film clips

shown are Charlie Chaplin,

and The Keystone Cops.

8.30 The Living Body. Part 11 of

Margolyes.

Ben Turpin, Carole Lombard

the 26-programme series on the inner workings of the body

is the first of a two-part mini-

series on an examination of

the nervous system. Narrated

by Derek Cooper and Mirlam

Sissons includes a report by

ecial Branch - the subject

7.00 Channel Four News with Pete

Gavin Scott on the police

of a Partiamentary select

this week is taken by Frank Dobson, the Labour MP for

Holborn and St Pancras.

penultimate part of the series

on the history of Scotland and the Scots examines Scotland

Coal Industry: Dead Within 50

Years? Steve Hewlett and

Remore Evens analyse the

technology in the coal industry

demanding that no pits should be closed.

'Starwashed'. Comedy with

the People Show playing a

keen but singularly unsuccessful troups of

vaudevillists touring the

documentary about black

professional entertainers'

negative image of blacks. (see

battle to stamp out the

backroom theatres.

10.05 Black Hollywood. A

Choice).

11.30 Closedown

country's seedier clubs and

committee investigation

7.50 Comment. The political slot

8.00 Scotland's Story. The

8.30 Diverse Reports. Britain's

impact of new comp

9.00 The People Show in

and come to the conclu

that the NUM is right in

with Mary and Rhoda m

depressed after meeting an

happily married with a family.

(1935) starring Cicely Courtneige as a woman who

dresses up as a men in order

Flanders where her husband serving. Directed by Victor Saville.

Paul Jones with a panel of unemployed people discuss the events of the past month.

CHOICE

4, 10.05pm) confirms what we had long suspected: that, despite the much-vaunted breakthroughs by performers like Politier and Pryor, Dandridge and Belafonte, there is still an undignified rush by black movie actors to pick up the few crumbs that fall from the white man's table. What is the point of community relations gestures major studios such as training schemes for black performers if there is no work for them at the end of it? This is a film filled with suppressed anger, and it is a good job that most of the opinions we glean from black actors, producers and writers are more constructive than the one delivered by the unidentified man who, branding Griffith's 1915 Birth of a Nation a

racist film, demands that all copies of it should be burnt. Radio highlight: Martin Jenkins's production of MACBETH (Radio 3, 7.00pm) is the same one i

astically recommended when it was first broadcast, on Radio 3. Denis Cuilley's masterly performance in the title role will not surprise anybody. With a voice like his, he was born to play Macbeth. The unexpected thrill this production gives us comes from Hannah Gordon's Lady Macbeth. She tackles a symphony-size character with chamber music technique and the result is unforgettably chilling. A word of praise, too, for liona Sekacz's unearthly music, sparingly used, and as creepy as any of Miss Gordon's sollloquies.

Peter Davalle

unfair dealings and injustice. With Roger Cook.
7.45 The Reith Lectures 1984. 'Minds, Brains and Science' - six take by Professor John Searle, Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley, (4) A wark to Petacophe Patagonia. In Business. Analysis: Mr Chemenko's Russia. Michael Chariton

discussion. 9.30 A Talent to Amuse. The life and music of Noel Coward, 11: Noel As Others Sang Him. With Sheridan Morley.

Sheridan Moriey.
Kalaidoacope, includes common the Art of the Architect exhibition at RIBA.
A Book at Bedtime: 'Mr Facey Romford's Hounds' by R. S. 10.15 Romford's Hounds' by R. S.
Surtees, S. Gone Away, Read by
John Franklyn-Robbins.

19.30 The World Tonight, including
11.00 News headlines.

11.15 The Finencial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parlament.

12.00 News; Weather, 12.33 Shipping

News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast. VHF (available in England and S. Wales only). 5.55-6.00em Weather; Travel. 11.0-12.00For Schools: 11.30 Singing Together (1\$). 11.20 Junior Drama Workshop. 11.40 Contact., 11.55 Songs from Something to Think About (10): 1.55-3.00em For Schools: 1.55 Listering Corner. 2.05 Something to Think About. 2.15 Quest. 2.25 Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry, 2.45 Nature, 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: A Yous La Francel (8) Faites voire choix. 12.30-1.10sm Schools Night-Time

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Radio 3

Music/Hogwood); Paoso Quagitati's Three arias from La

sierá armonioso (Oslo Consort)

Saint-Saens's Piano Concerto N

6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Mozart's Notturno for four orchestras, K 286; (Academy of Ancient Music/Howaroft: Paris

Has the management of our big cities broken down in the conflict between their rulers and the Government? (r).

Top of the Form. Second Round. (12:) North 2 v South. City of Leeds School v Bay House School, Alverstoke, Gosport. 6.30

girffriend. A complicated series of one-uomanship ploys ends 6.00 Silents Please. Mack Sennett

> move out and go home t.
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> Time for Verse. A series of skx programmes (3) What Would Have Happened tt... Presented by Simon Brett. 3.47 vs; File on 4, With Paul Martin 4,00

Government? (r).

4.40 Story Time: 'Pierre et Jean' by Guy De Maupassant. Abridged in seven episodes (5). Read by Michael Pennington.

5.00 PM: News Megazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5,55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News.

7.05 News. 7.05 The Archers.

Radio 4

5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News Briefing: Westher, 6.10 Farming Today, 6.25 Prayer for the Day, 6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summery, 6.55, 7.55 Weather, 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thought for the Day, 8.35 Yesterday in Parlament, 9.00 News. 9.00 News. 9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with

9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with studio guests!.
10.00 News; Bardeners' Question Time, from Shropshira.
10.30 Morning Story: The Encounter' by Anuro Vivante. Read by Errol MacKinnon.
10.45 Daily Service (Nem, page 82).
11.00 News; Travel; The Seeker in the Desert. Malcolm Billings presents a portrait of Joan Louis Burckhard; one of the world's greatest explorers. Starring Martin Jarvis.
11.48 Mighty Myths. Derek Robinson

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challenges some beliefs we take
for granted. 8: Lewrence of
Arabia: Says Who?

12.00 News; You and Yours.
12.27 No Piace To Hide by Ted
Alibeury. Abridged in eight parts
(8) (r). 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World'et One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Including
an interview with the Chema
historian and silent film
"restorer" Kevin Brownlow. Also
part six of A Room with a View.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Don't Worry
about Mattide, by Shelagh
Delaney. With Gabriele Lloyd and
San Kelly. A brother discovers his
sister living in a squalid basement
flat. She resists the temptation to
move out and go home t.

7.20 Checkpoint Listeners' cases of

Saint-Saens's Piano Concerto No 4 (Cortot/Orchestra conducted by Muncht, 8.00 News.

8.06 Midweek Choice: (cont.); Bach's Fugue in 6 minor, BWV 578 (Marie-Claire Alain, orgen); Rachmaninov's Symphony No 1 (LSO under Previnit, 9.00 News. 1 his Week's Composer: Lassus. Excerpts from Lagrime di San Pietro (Consort of Musicke), and Domine exaudi orationem meam (Pentential Psaim No 7), by (Penitential Psakn No 7), by

London Lassus Ensemble: also Stabat Mater (Westminster Calhedral Choirti. 10.00 Delius Concertos: RPO under

Destrict Concernos: HIVO under Bescham play the Grieg Concert overture in Autumn; and Delius's Plano Concerno (Moiselwisch and Philharmonia Orchestra)t. Theme and Variations: Mozan's Constitute of the Mozan's 10.35 10.30 I neme and variety or. Mozer o Sonata in E flat, K 481; and Barlow's Theme and Varietions. Trevor Williams (violin) and Hubert Dawkes (piano)t. 11.10 BBC Philhamonic Orchestre

11.10 BBC Philhammoric Orchestra (under Downes). Mendelsschn's overture Ruy Bles; Beethoven's Symphony No 3t.

12.15 Concert Halt: Patricia Rozario (soprano), and Mark Troop (plano). Schubert's Ellen's three songs; works by Feurla (Pour Songs with texts by Verlaine) and by Granados (Amor y odio etc)†.

1.00 News.

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1.05 Benny Goodman: recordings that include Peggy Lee and Mel Powell, in mono.
1.30 Matines Musicale: Recordings by motion and the period of the various orchestras, of Enc Coates's overture The Merrymakers; Wotf's Italian Serenade; John Addison's ballet suite Carte blanche; Franz Waxman's Creation of the Female Monster (Bride of Frankenstein); Gershwin's

Lullaby; and Hermann's Welles raises Cainet. 2.30 Scottish Season: Fiona Doble (soprano), Nell Mackie (tenor), Glyn Davenport (beritone) and Roger Vignoles (plano). Songs and duets by Schumann, Fran-Loewe and Brahms, based on

3.30 Brahms and Chopin: Vienna play Brahms's Tragic Overture; Philhermonis trade: Averture; with Misha Dichter (plano) play Chopin's Fantasy on Polish Airsi 4.00 Choral Evensong: from Guildford Cathedral – livet, 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for pleasure: another of Roy Williamsons's selectionst. 6.30 Debut: Krzysztol Smietana Debut: NZYSEUS SIMBLES (DIANO). Brahms's Sonata No 3 in D minor Op 108; Kreisler's Caprice

7.00 Scottish Season: Macbeth, by Shakespeare. With Denis Cuille and Hannah Gordon as Macbel and Lady Macbeth. Cast also includes Clifford Rose, John Rowe, Nigel Terry and Stuart Organ. (See Choice).

9.10 BBC Singers: with John Wallace (trumpet). Works by Kodaly, Szoflosy, and Ligetif. 9.35 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC, and presented by lan

McDougali. 10.00 Ferdinand Ries: Harpist Sioned Williams, with planists Leslie \ Howard and John Bingham play the introduction and Rondo, for herp and plane. Op 57; Polonaise for plane duet, Op 93; and Grand Trie for harp and two planes. Op 95. All three works are getting their first broadcast in this

10.45 Ladies Lost and Found: Martin Jarvis, as Cheucer, in more pages from The Book of the Duchess and The House of Fame, in Terence Tiller's ner nce Tiller's new version of the Chaucer works. Music by Michael Berkeleyt.

11.00 Salomon String Quartet: Haydn's String Quartet in A Op 55 No 1; Quartet in E flat, Op 71 No 31. 11.57 News. Until 12.00. MF (medium wave). As vhf

above, except: 7.05-11.00em CRICKET; FIRST TEST, India v England from Bombey - the noon session of the first

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12.00pm Stave Jones 1 Including 12.02
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Cup, Second-half commentary on one
match and news on the other two, 9.30
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[continued from Wiff), 10.00 The Golden
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Tory MPs press for a better deal for students

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

stepped up their pressure on Sir students' families will benefit Keith Joseph, the Secretary of from the new grant arrange-State for Education and Science, ments, about 140,000 wealthier for a reversal of Government families will be worse off and 20 policy on student grants.

Commons motion saying that tuition. the proposed large increases in parental contributions were misconceived and so severe that one student and £4,000 for twosome families would find it impossible to make the full contribution.

It is understood that a and whips, as well as backbench MPs, are now receiving heavy protest mail from Tory supporters about the proposal to increase parental contributions converge on London today for a by £39m from the start of the big rally on the South Bank to next academic year.

One Tory MP even suggested last night that Mrs Thatcher was beginning to distance herself from the decision in private

Mr Cranley Onslow, the new chairman of the Conservative backbench 1922 Committee, is said to be disturbed by the change and four members of the 1922 executive were among those who had last night sponsored the critical Commons

Conservative MPs last night Although 58 per cent of per cent will be asked, for the Strong support is expected for first time, to make a contri-backbench Conservative bution towards the cost of The maximum contribution

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will be £2,500 for families with student families. Sir Keith is due to meet Conservative backbenchers on December 5, and he will be publicly examsignificant number of ministers ined about the changes at a meeting of the Commons Select Committee on Education on December 18. • Thousands of students will

protest against the Government's student grants proposals (Lucy Hodges writes).

Among the speakers at Queen
Elizabeth Hall will be Mr C. A.

The Times last week to say that he felt particularly bitter about having to pay more towards keeping his son in higher education. Yesterday, art college stu-dents occupied the Tate Gallery

Giles, a pensioner who wrote to

in protest at the grants decision. **US Embassy bomb**

Rome (AP) - Italian police said yesterday they had foiled a plot to bomb the United States Embassy in Rome and arrested seven Lebanese members of the Islamic Jihad terrorist organi-

The Rome police chief Signor Marcello Monarca, told a news conference that all seven were arrested on Saturday "with irrefutable proof that they planned an attack" against the embassy. He said news of the arrests was delayed because the investigation was

Police sources had earlier said the attack was to have been carried out by truck-bomb, similar to the suicide bombings against American installations in Beirut.

Signor Monarca said the lanned attaack was "like in Beirut", but declined to say

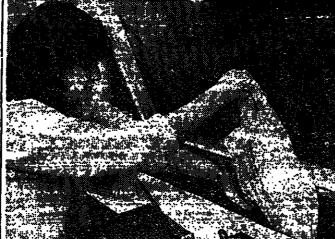
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evidence to prove that the seven men belonged to Islamic Jihad, but based his conclusion on documents found on the sus-

Signor Monarca said they were picked up at Ladispoli, a seaside resort south of Rome. They had a detailed map of the US Embassy on the Via Veneto, with notes on "weak points" of the compound. An eighth man arrested in Zurich on November 18 had been carrying more than 41b of explosives. The seventeenth century,

four-storey US embassy in Rome us surrounded by tight security, including chains, cement blocks in driveways and special barricades that are designed to keep vehicles from crashing through.





'Hanging fridges' of Middlesex Hospital

fridge in the world. Middlesex Hospital medical stu-Morris, aged 18 (left) use the chill of the great outdoors to keep butter, milk, and other food cool and safe from their preying neighbours.

The 250 medical students and postgraduates at Astor College in London do have tising. (Photographs: communal fridges. But Dr Harry Kerr and John Voos).

ege's warden, said: "People do tend to be a bit dishonest dents like Miss Danielle about milk for the late night cup of coffee." The hanging larder,

known to explorers in the wild, was the answer, and the local Tesco, whose carrier bags form most of the safe deposits are delighted with the free adver-(Photographs:

US Treasury proposes 35% top tax rate risions on tax reform", a White for entertainment expenses taxes for businesses and corpor-

involve the elimination of

clear that the separate Treasury tax reform plan was not to be used as an "excuse to raise taxes". Officials said it is significant that Mr Reagan, who was briefed privately on the tax reform proposal on Monday, £5,000. carefully refrained from em. Dedu

6.45.

"This is a Treasury plan which the President will review

The Duchess of Gloucester

The Duke of Kent visits Thorn

EMI Cable Television, Swindon 11.05; and later visits Logica VTS,2.

The Duchess of Kent opens the World Travel Market 1984; arives

at the Grand Hall entrance,

attends the Music for Youth Schools Prom, Royal Albert Hall, London,

done through "draconian" House official said. Privately, domestic cuts which might officials said Mr Reagan asked about the political ramifications after some of his aides ex-Mr Reagan made it quite pressed strong doubts.

For individuals, the popular deduction for mortgage initerest costs on the principal residence would be retained but all other interest deductions would be there would be only three of 15 limited generally to a ceiling of Deductions for state and local

income and property taxes would be eliminated In addition, popular corpor-

Main features of the US tax

Individual taxes: To be simplified and lowered. Instead of the present 15 individual income tax brackets, ranging between 11 and 50 per cent, per cent, 25 per cent and 35 per

Corporate taxes: The overall rate would be lowered but due to the elimination of tax breaks, before making his own de- ate and professional deductions the net effect would be a rise in

ations.

Benefits to be eliminated: For corporations, the 10 per cent investment tax credit used to offset cost of plant and equip-ment. For individuals, a wide range of deductions for personal a second home which would be reduced drastically. Entertainment expenses: To be

eliminated. Deductions for business meals and travel expenses would be curtailed. To be retained: Deductions for mortgage interest payments on

Lords television debate

The entertainers take on the bores

The House of Lords was preoccupied yesterday with reaction shots and cutaways.

Well versed as always in the technicalities of their subject. their lordships were discussing the pros and cons of televising Parliament. More particularly. they were discussing whether to allow their proceedings to

be televised for a trial six-month period, as recommended by their own all-party Sound Broadcasting Committee.

Lord Chalfont, in his time a

television producer, presenter and writer, could boast more technical expertise than most. He revealed himself to be somewhat suspect on figures, however, when he referred to his 20 years in the House, half in govenment, half in opposition and half on the cross-benches.

The Chalfont thesis was that selective editing, the use effects microphones, cutaways and reaction shots could give a distorted and trivializing view of the House.

He summed up his view by saying: "I would prefer to be a member of a House which is mind-bendingly boring than one which is an extension of political showbusiness".

This more or less divided the House into the bores and the entertainers. Lord Aberdare stood up to open the debate on behalf of

the entertainers, and as he opended his mouth the television lights came on.

"My lords, the cue obvi-ously worked", he declared with some satisfaction, before going on to reassure the House that the camera positions would be unobtrusive and everyone would soon get used to the lighting, which was being tested yesterday, without the cameras.

But evn Lord Aberdare clearly did not have any great faith in their lordships' ability to provide great public entertainment. He said he thought the television would soon settle down to televising the Lords only two or three times

As some of the later speakers droned on, it was easy to see why.

Lord Peyton, who was on the side of the bores, expressed the fear that the television cameras might pick out one or two "noble lords who had succumed to thoughtfulness of weariness" - in other words, who were asleep.

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iust such a state. But surely their lordships could cope with these sorts of pressures? As Lord Ardwick pointed out, it wasn't as if they

"We're here for life," he said, and there was an almost audible sigh of relief.

had an electorate to worry

Lord Denning, an entertainer if ever there was one, had no fears about the intrusion if television. He described Lord Chalfont's suggestion that the House should put off any experiment until "the other place" had come to a decision as "a dilatory plea, ostensibly to gain time but in reality to squash the idea altogether.

He believed the public was entitled to enjoy the eloquence of their lordships, and in his own case, he was unquestionably right.

The bores, who wanted the House to remain untelevised and boring, pointed out that radio always picked out Prime Minister's question time, when the House of Commons most resembled a "bear-gar-den", or "bull-ring". They would no doubt prefer to hear the long, boring bits.

Lord Soames, for the entertainers, suggested that the presence of television cameras wouldn't necessarily make everyone more raucous. He even moderated his own normally booming tones as he said this, but it was not entirely convincing.

The highligh of the afternoon was when Lord Dacre, historian and super-bore suggested that "our grave and senatorial deliberations cannot compare with the effervescent vitality, the robust and juvenile activities of the other place".

Lady Gaitskell, an engagingly eccentric figure in a round black hat, had been moved to interrupt more than one previous speaker, but had so far done fairly quietly. This was too much for her. "why not?" she cried indignantly.

One wondered whether the television cameraman would have been quick enough to cut away from Lord Dacre to Lady Gaitskell to catch this immaculately timed remark.

Rupert Morris

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh give an evening recep-tion for members of the Diplomatic Corps. Buckingham Palace, 9.30; Princess Margaret also attends.

The Duke of Edinburgh chairs a meeting of the National Federation of Housing Association's inquiry into British Housing, Buckingham Palace, 10.30; and later presides over the first meeting of the Prince Philip Appeal campaign council at Buckingham Palace, 5.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother visits the League of Mother visits the League of Remembrance, Great Ormond St. 12; and later dines with the Officers of 600 Squadron at Butchers' Hall,

Rose at Brewers Hall, Alderman-

Microvitec, 11.45; she later attends a Schools Music concert at The Great Hall, Bradford University, 1.55.

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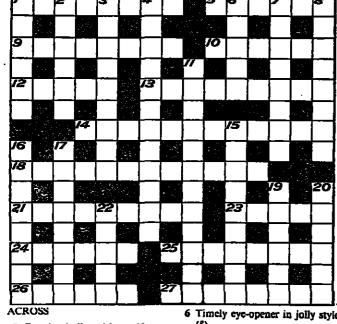
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,597



- 1 Genuine indisposition if on a
- bed (4,4). 5 Poet's dreamland intruded upon by one from Portock (6).
- 9 Seven involved in a great deal of billing and cooing here (4-4). 10 Smelly one among diplomats
- 12 Put on cast (5). 13 Pilot taking off quickly to give security on the line (9). 14 A dreamy way to heaven in the
- 18 A very subdued finale I see it is said as a complaint (12). 21 Cigars the possible cause of this
- fire in Germany? (9). 23 Get used to sequence being 22 It puts up people of high degree reversed? That's about it (5).
- 24 Material feature the zodiac initially supplies (6). 25 Easily led round the motorway to one's home (8).
- 26 Christopher drinking gin perhaps, one at a time (6). 27 Small boy in Oxford team? Not ready for publication (8).

- 1 Poetic effusion publicizing the 2 State of Russian river? Yes (6).
- 3 Penalized artist over two points
- so subtle a distinction (4-5). 4 Tosca's idea is a new way
- sever her connexions (12). CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10

The Prince of Wales chairs a meeting of the Court of the Mary

bury Sq. EC2, 5.

Princess Anne visits Bradford; arrives Bradford Station, 10; she opens the Pakistan Community Centre, 10.50 and then visits

Paintings by Michael Joseph Browne; Ginnel Gallery, 16 Lloyds St. Manchester; Mon to Fri 9 to S. Jo. (ends Dec 21).
Pastels by Francesco Clemente;
Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market St,
Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun

2 to 6; (ends Dec 28).
Old Edinburgh Revisited; City
Art Centre, 2 Market St, Edinburgh;
Mon to Sat 10 to 5; (ends Jan 26). Exhibitions in progress William Morris and the Middle Ages: Whitworth Art Gallery, Whitworth Park, Manchester, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 9; (ends

Olympia, 10.30.

New exhibitions

Benson and Hedges Photogra-phers and Illustrators Gold Awards; Stills, 105 High St, Edinburgh, Tues to Sat 12.30 to 6; (ends Dec 1). John Buckler's topographical watercolours; Stafford Art Gallery, The Green, Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat

A Distant Prospect: aerial photography; Wakefield Museum, Wood St; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 12.30 and 1.30 to 5; (ends Dec 22). Last chance to see

Trapping the Elusive: works by Patrick Hughes: MacRobert Arts Centre Gallery, University of Stirling: 11 to 5. Original prints by Molly Bullick; and twentieth century Scottish Paintings; Scottish Gallery, 94 George St., Edinburgh; 9.30 to 5.30.

Music The Pilgrims' School Concert; Vinchester Cathodral, 7,30.
Concert by the Elysian Wind Quartet with Anthony Goldston (piano); Peterborough Technical

Concert by Oslo Philharmonic, Portmouth Guildhall, 7.30. Festival of St Cecilia concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta; Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.30.
Concert by the University New
Music Ensemble; Wills Memorial
Building, Bristol University, 1.15.

Talks, lectures

Architecture in the public realm by Richard Rogers. Bennett Lecture Theatre 1, Leicester University, 8. Nineteenth century Women's Sports Wear by Louise Harner, Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, 12.30. The Lost World of Tibet, by I J Calder: Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers St. Edinburgh, 2.

Anniversaries

Births: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Florence, 1632; William Blake, London, 1757; George William Manby, inventor of apparatus for saving life at sea, Denver, Norfolk, 1765; Friedrich Engels, socialist, Barmen, Ger-many, 1820. Deaths: Gian Lorenzo Bernini

sculptor, Rome, 1680; Washington Irring, writer, Tarrytown, New York, 1859; Havergal Brian, composer, Shoreham, Sussex, 1972.

New books - hardback

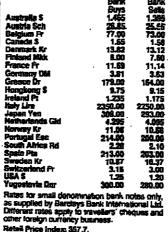
211.95).
L'Apres-midi d'un Faune, Vastav Nijinsky, 1912, by Adolf de Meyer and Jennifer Duming (Dance Books, £15.95, paperback £9.95).
Marxism, Wars and Revolutions, Essays from Four Decades, by Isaac Deutscher (Verso, £18.50, paperback £6.95).
Rome in Africa, by Susan Ravan (Longman, £14.95).
Stubbs' Dogs, by Robert Fountain and Alfred Gates (Ackerman, £14.95).
The New Oxford Companion to Music, two volumes (Oxford, £50).
The Soviet Worker Front Lenis to Andropov, edited by Leonard Schapiro and Joseph Godson (Macmillan, £25, paperback £7.95).
Voting Pracedures, by Michael Dummett (Oxford, £22.50).

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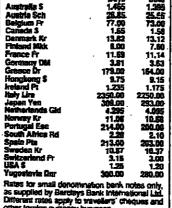
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Britain in Our Century, images and Controversies, by Arthur Marwick (Thames & Hudson, £12.95).

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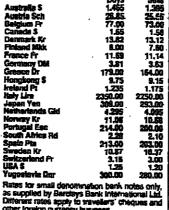


Conversations with Montgomery, by Antony Brett-James (William Kimber, £8.95).

Retucus Heart, the Story of Ethel Smyth, by Louise Collis (William Kimber

list of danger spots." The Daily Mirror, commenting on heroin abuse, says that "too little is being done". The paper adds: "There are too few customs officers

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The Daily Express says: "The assassination of Percy Norris, our Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay, is a tragic example of worldwide epidemic of terrorism." The paper adds: "Because of the large Sikh element in Britain, some

Bishopsgate Institute. 230 Bishopsgate, EC2: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30. Garlick Hill (St James's Church), EC4: Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30: closed between 12.45 and 1.45



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The Midlands: A45: Temporary

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Information supplied by the AA. Parliament today

Commons (2.30) Elections (North-

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6am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia: Rain soon clearing, sunny intervals and showers developing: wind S veering SW strong; max temp 10C (50P).

Central S, E, central N England, E, W Midlands: Sunny intervals, showers; wind SW strong; max temp 9C (48F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Showers, heavy and thundery at times; wind SW strong to gale; max temp 11C (52P).

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Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Survey Intervals and showers, heavy and thundery in places; temperatures near SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind SW strong to severe gale; rain then showers; visibility moderate becoming good; sea very rough. English Channel (E): Wind SW strong to gate; showers; visibility good; sea very rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW strong to severe gate; showers; visibility good; sea very rough.

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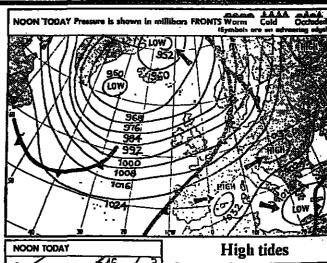
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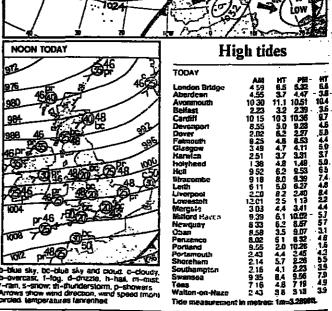
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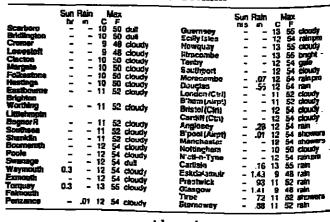
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